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Reagan strengthens Israel links to meet Syrian threat

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration has decided to seek closer political, economic and strategic relations with Israel.

Although coordinated military action is not being considered at this stage, US officials have emphasized that the main purpose of the new relationship is to counter Syria's increasing military influence in the Middle East and, particularly, Lebanon.

Closer cooperation was discussed during a visit to Israel last week by Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the Under-Secretary of State for political affairs, and Mr Richard Murphy, who is in charge of the State Department's Middle Eastern department.

It will be put into more concrete shape when Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, visits Washington before the end of the year. The date has not yet been fixed.

The move comes at a time of rising tensions in the Middle East. While Israel and Syria have been mobilizing reservists, the US has assembled a huge force of 30 ships and 300 aircraft in the eastern Mediterranean, raising speculation that retaliatory action is being planned against the terrorists who blew up the Marine headquarters in Beirut two weeks ago, killing more than 230 American servicemen.

A frist step towards closer ties has already been taken. Mr Eagleburger told the Israeli Government that America is prepared to end restrictions on the use of US military credits in the development of a new Israeli fighter plane, known as the Lavi.

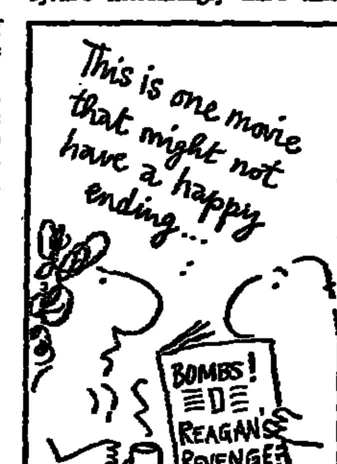
Israel will be allowed to spend $300m (£200m) a year for this purpose from the $1,700m which the US gives Israel each year. There had been Congressional opposition to the use of American funds for the development of a plane which will compete directly with the aircraft the US sells to Israel.

Other areas of cooperation which Washington is considering are the stockpiling in Israel of some equipment for the US rapid deployment force and joint naval and air manoeuvres. America may also convert a larger share of its military assistance from loans to grants to help relieve Israel's huge debt-servicing burden.

The decision to move closer concides with American concern about what it regards as Syria's increasingly hard line, which has been encouraged by the massive influx of Soviet weapons and advisers.

It is hoped the development of a new US-Israeli axis will show President Assad that he cannot force America and Israel out of Lebanon, thus inducing him to play a more cooperative role in ending the fighting and withdrawing Syrian forces.

The decision to seek closer ties with Israel represents a victory for Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who had proposed the tilt towards Jerusalem. It was opposed by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and Mr William Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who felt it could harm US relations with the Arab world, particularly, Saudi Arabia, which has been playing a key role in the Lebanon negotiations.



● LONDON: Mrs Thatcher came under pressure from opposition parties in the Commons yesterday to say that Britain would condemn any punitive action by America against Syria and withdraw troops from Lebanon if that happened (Julian Haviland writes).

Mr Neil Kinnock, the leader of the Opposition, said British lives might be at stake.

The Prime Minister refused to respond to either point, saying the questions were hypothetical. But some MPs read a message to President Reagan into one reply which she gave to Sir Hugh Fraser, a

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Arafat's men ready to lay down their arms

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli, Lebanon

Against the rumble of heavy artillery and with Grad missiles swishing through the sky above him, Mr Yassir Arafat emerged on to the steps of Tripoli's neo-classical town hall yesterday and admitted that he and his surviving guerrilla army were prepared to lay down their arms.

It was not quite a surrender as his offer was conditional upon a ceasefire by the Palestinians and Syrians who are trying to destroy him, but with a distinctly forced smile the PLO leader conceded that Tripoli's civil and religious leaders had just begged him not to drag the Palestinian civil war into the streets of their city.

"I have agreed with those atending the meeting", he said slowly, "to spare Tripoli from the battles.

Palestinian guerrillas loyal to Mr Arrafat swarmed across the square outside the white-stone municipal buildings, some holding automatic weapons, others standing beside ant-air-craft guns mounted on lorries, as their leader held out the promise of both peace and apparent submission.

Raising his voice above the noise of the gunfire, Mr Arrafat said that he had spoken to "His Excellency" Rashid Karami, the former Lebonese Prime Minister – presumably by phone to Damascus – and insisted that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Tunisia and North Yemen were all appealing to President Assad of Syria to call off the attack on Tripoli.

All morning, Palestinian guerrillas could be seen driving lorries and guns into Tripoli from their heavily bombarded camp at Baddawi and by midday yesterday they had positioned a battery of Grad missiles on top of a multi-storey car park in the port.

As the rockets left their tubes, leaving a fiery trail behind them over the city's apartment blocks, incoming shells from Syrian and anti-Arafat forces on the hills above Tripoli began exploding in the harbour. One shell detonated only 40 yards from Mr Arafat's new headquarters on the old Zahrieh quarter of the city.

The artillery bombardment of Tripoli had by yesterday morning set light to another, more westerly section of the city's oil refinery so that the huge vertical tunnel of black smoke that has hung over the city for four days had broadened out into a plateau of grey cloud 10 miles wide.

In his first-floor town hall office, Mr Ahir Daye, the Mayor of Tripoli, perspiring and evidently nervous after his encounter with Mr Arafat, adjusted his spectacles and committed himself to only one statement which he repeated over and over again. "We have asked for an immediate ceasefire", he said. "We have asked

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First night: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attending a special performance of *Blondel* to mark the reopening of the Old Vic last night (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Steelmen told not to expect pay rise

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The British Steel Corporation is in the grip of a new financial crisis with losses running at £3m a week and orders tailing off. More than 55,000 workers have been told not to expect a general pay rise next year.

Details of the industry's mounting difficulties have been given privately to union leaders who were drawing up a pay claim for increases to take effect from January 1. BSC management is deeply sceptical about government optimism of an economic recovery, and predicts a £181m loss for the present financial year.

Mr Stephen Best, the state-owned corporation's director of industrial relations, has told the unions that British Steel is "very far from long-term viability" but his attempt to head off a wage claim will be bitterly contested in joint talks next Monday.

The corporation admits that weekly losses are now moving up to about £3m a week, while adding: "This trend is showing signs of further deterioration. Prices are weakening in the face of continuing over-capacity both world-wide and particularly in the EEC."

According to Mr Best, there has been little relief on the costs of raw materials and energy. "In fact, there are worrying signs of increases in fuel charges and other costs this winter.

"The so-called 'recovery from recession' has not yet funnelled through into sustained increased demand for our steel – and if anything the placement of orders is tailing off. The latest outlook for the current year ending March, 1984, is a loss of £18m. While this result, if achieved, will be better than recent years the corporation is still far from long-term viability.

"Given our losses and the very uncertain future facing us, we have come to the view that a centrally negotiated pay increase is not possible in 1984."

British Steel is thus trying to shift all pay bargaining to plant level for the third year in succession, but union leaders last night argued that they had no more productivity or jobs to sell in return for locally agreed increases, which were small and in some cases non-existent this year.

The TUC Steel Industry Committee meets tomorrow to review the situation, and informal talks are expected with the BSC's new chairman, Mr Robert Haslam. Formal discussions will take place next week, when the unions will tell British Steel that a nil award is unacceptable.

Airliner crash

An Angolan airliner crashed on takeoff at Lubango in southern Angola, killing all 150 people on board. All the dead were believed to be Angolans

Two die in Belgian earthquake

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Two people died when Belgium suffered its worst earthquake for more than a century early yesterday. Centred on the city of Liège, it registered 5 on the Richter scale and its effects were felt as far as Brussels in the west and Cologne in the east.

The two who died were a woman crushed when the ceiling of her bedroom collapsed and an ederly man who collapsed with a heart attack after being awaken by the violent shaking of his home.

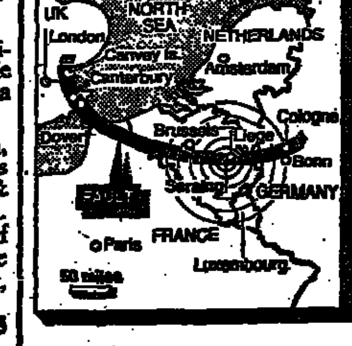
Another 15 people needed hospital treatment after being hit by falling masonry and glass fragments. The streets of the Liège suburb of Saint Nicholas, which was the worst hit area, were clogged with rubble and power and telephone cables were broken.

Nearly 100 people had to leave their homes and were given temporary accomodation in the town hall, which was itself damaged by the earthquake. Several older buildings were so badly damaged that they had to be pulled down completely to prevent them collapsing on rescue workers.

The largest recorded earthquake in the area was at Duren, near Aix-la-Chapelle, in 1756. It registered 6 on the Richter scale and killed a dozen people.

● LONDON: South-east of England could be hit by an earthquake similar to the one which struck Belgium, a British firm of consultant engineers said yesterday (Staff Reporters write).

A spokesman for Principia Mechanics, which has conducted a four-year research project into British earthquakes, said that the Liège area straddles a long-geological fault line which runs from West Germany along the Rhine, through Belgium and into the North Sea towards the Kent coast. The fault line could conceivably run under Canvey Island and its giant oil refineries, he added.



CBI chief calls for dose of self-help

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The seventh annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry closed yesterday with the organization reiterating strongly its call for a government stimulant to the economy. But at the same time it made a much firmer public commitment to self-help.

In a clear attempt to head off any criticisms from the Government, Sir Campbell Fraser, the CBI president, told delegates that the main responsibility for lifting business out of recession lay with themselves, and he pointed to the industrial progress made by the Scots as a superb example of self-help.

Sir Campbell, the Scottish chairman of Dunlop, said: "Put bluntly, they did immaculately well what we in British industry are always being asked to do – to get off our butts, get on our bikes and improve our share of the world's market. As a nation we have not been sufficiently successful at that."

Sir Campbell said that British industry could not stand still. A nation that opted for the status quo was in real trouble. "That has been part of our problem. Too many of us expected to do the same job all our working lives. We really do have to accept change, and enjoy change, as a desirable companion."

The CBI came under considerable criticism during the conference – which had, as its central theme, Managing Recovery – for calling on the Government for measures to stimulate the economy and help industry.

Yesterday, Sir Campbell said: "There was absolutely no heresy in demanding more growth combined with cutting inflation. It is an objective that would benefit every man, woman and child in this country.

"Controlling inflation alone will not achieve growth and that was the overwhelming view of the conference."

CBI leaders will now formulate a package of proposals to put to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, before the Budget. The organization's suggestions are likely to add up to an injection into the economy of up to £2bn.

Sir Campbell won considerable applause for an attack on the "hidden anguish" of unemployment. "Be damned with conventional wisdom that the country will only know high levels of unemployment until the end of the decade. Who stays in the dole queue? Your son? Your daughter?

"The calm acceptance of more than 3 million people out of work just isn't good enough."

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£500m City rush for Aspinalls

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

Stock market gamblers put up more than £500m yesterday in the hope of acquiring shares in Aspinalls, the Knightsbridge casino founded by Mr John Aspinall, the Kent zoo keeper.

In one of the most frantic scrambles for new shares witnessed in the City, punters and professional investors put in bids for 438 million shares, more than 56 times the number of shares actually on offer.

According to the stockbrokers handling the issue, 72,000 people applied for 7.8 million shares at 115p each. The amount of money that represents was nearly nine times the £58m that London's top-flight gamblers spent at Mr Aspinall's casino in the whole of its last financial year.

Investors were so sure of the success of this issue that some of them went to extraordinary lengths to try to ensure that they received shares when they are allotted later this week. One professional admitted that he had sold his house to put money into applying.

Dealings in the shares will begin on Monday, and the huge level of oversubscription makes it certain that they will open above the 115p offer price, giving investors who succeed in obtaining shares an instant profit. The premium over the issue price is likely to be at least 25p and possibly much higher when trading starts, stockbrokers said last night.

The Aspinalls gaming club is owned jointly by Mr Aspinall and Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, who will both retain about 40 per cent of the company – worth at least £24m each – after yesterday's issue. Only 15 per cent of the club was on offer.

British fury over EEC rebate claim

A British EEC commissioner accused his colleagues of cooking the books over a new formula according to which Britain has received hundreds of millions of pounds more in rebate than it thought it had. The fracas further threatens agreement on EEC reform.

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Nuclear flasks withdrawn

Containers for transporting nuclear waste fuel by road and rail to the reprocessing plant at Sellafield (formerly Windscale) in Cumbria are being withdrawn because of doubts about safety.

Bonn summit

Mrs Margaret Thatcher began her consultations with Chancellor Helmut Kohl on her arrival in Bonn. The imminent deployment of the New US missiles was one of the dominant issues

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Bodies found

United States troops in Grenada have discovered a pit containing four bodies, one of them believed to be that of Mr Maurice Bishop, the murdered Prime Minister

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Spending plans

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to make his autumn statement on the economy next week. The Cabinet meets tomorrow to finalize next year's spending plans.

Leconte beaten

Stefan Simonsson, of Sweden, ranked fifty-eighth, beat Henri Leconte, of France, ranked seventeenth, 6–4, 1–6, 12–10, in the Benson & Hedges championships at Wembley yesterday

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Rugby tour threat to games

The 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh could suffer amid controversy over the proposed tour of South Africa in 1985 by the Rugby Football Union, with either England or some of the black member nations failing to take part.

The executive chairman for the Games, Kenneth Borthwick, said in Edinburgh yesterday that action would be taken by the organising committee when the tour was confirmed, as seems likely, but no protests could be made at this stage.

England's participation in the Games would be in jeopardy only if the English Commonwealth Games Council refused to protest formally to the rugby authorities and dissociate itself entirely from the tour. Otherwise it would be up to the black countries to make up their own minds.

Rugby authorities in South Africa are convinced that the tour will take place.

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Mosley thought his friend was MI5 spy

By Peter Hennessy and David Walker

Sir Oswald Mosley believed he knew the identity of the chief MI5 "mole" inside the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s, Mosley's son said yesterday.

Home Office papers declassified yesterday show that the Fascist movement was penetrated from top to bottom by Security Service and Special Branch agents.

Mosley believed the late W. E. D. "Bill" Allen, the publisher, businessman and former Unionist MP who was his close friend and early supporter, was MI5's man in the fascist movement.



Lord Ravensdale: Father 'knew mole'.

Lord Ravensdale, who is better known as Nicholas Mosley, the author, said: "I have evidence from my father that he knew perfectly well that Bill Allen was working for MI5 at the same time as being one of this right-hand men.

"My father believed Allen was a sort of Walter Mitty character and tat accounts of conversations he gave to MI5 could have been partly fictitious.

"My father was extraordinarily insouciant about this. He did not seem to mind. He was a gambler."

An MI5 report on Allen, dated June, 1934, described his as chairman of David Allen & Son, a private printing firm. MI5 regarded Allen as the chief theorist of British fascism. He had, according to the report, "influence on Sir Oswald".

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Equal retirement rights proposed in Bill

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

An important advance in the campaign for equal state pension rights between men and women and a more flexible age of retirement was signalled with the publication of a private member's Bill yesterday.

The Bill's sponsor, Sir David Price, Conservative MP for Eastleigh, said that regardless of whether it became law, as he hoped it would, he believed it would make such good progress that things would never be the same again.

The Bill seeks to implement the thire report of the Commons Social Services Committee in the last Parliament, published a year ago, to which the Government has not yet responded. Sir David said that yesterday he had no idea what the attiude f ministers to his Bill would be.

It proposes a threshold age of 60 at which both men and women would become entitled to a pension. There would be a new notional common pension age of 63 at which the standard pension would be paid.

Early retirers would have to take smaller pensions, while those who stayed at work would go on earning increments up to the age of 65. The committee reported that the notional age of 63 would entail no significant long-term cost.

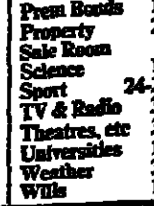
Sir David pointed out that the five-year difference in the retirement age for men and women had been first introduced only in 1940. It was the biggest anomaly in the pension system, he said.

He believed there was considerable evidence that more men would retire before 65 "if the money was right", and that although some women would remain economically active from 60 to 63 there would be a clear net gain to job creation as a result of his Bill.

The Equal Opportunities Commission welcomed the Bill – the Social Security (Age of Retirement Bill) – which will have its second reading on November 25.

A survey of 1,400 people published by the commission last June found that eight out of 10 favoured the same pension age for men and women.

There does not appear to be any organized opposition to the Bill, which has all-party support.



Labour must have wages agreement with unions, Hattersley says

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, the new shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a clear indication yesterday that the Labour Party will be seeking an agreement on wages with the unions in the near future. At the same time he emphasized the need for changes in three key strands of party policy.

Making his first big policy speech since his appointment by Mr Neil Kinnock last week Mr Hattersley told a union conference that the party's economic policy would not be credible unless there was agreement with the unions. That fact had to be faced with "clarity and courage".

While he was not suggesting there ought to be another four years of "agonizing reappraisals of policy" Mr Hattersley said that adjustment had to be made to Labour's approach to home ownership, defence and the EEC.

He gave the conference of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union in Blackpool a strong pointer that the new Labour leadership would be seeking an early change in direction from the general election manifesto.

Without directly referring to an incomes policy, Mr Hattersley said: "If we are to have growth without an unacceptable level of inflation, the unions and a Labour government must come to a voluntary agreement about the overall level of money wages.

"If we fight the next election without facing that economic fact, the fact of the overwhelming need for the unions and government to sit down together to talk about the method, techniques and outcomes of collective bargaining, our economic policy would be incredible and will be exposed as incredible". Mr Hattersley said.

Without an agreement Labour would be saddled with an economic policy that was a liability. The direction of the deputy leader's remarks indicated that the national economic assessment on wages, agreed with the unions before the election, is now likely to be renegotiated.

He added: "We cannot fight the next election as a party which is, or appears to be, opposed to home ownership; as a party which is, or appears to be, confused about the best defence policy for this country; or as a party which is, or appears to be, determined to take Britain out of the EEC whatever the practical consequences."

For a successful European election campaign next spring, the party had to say unequivocally that Labour Euro-MPs would work for British interests within the EEC.

Mrs Thatcher had been "brilliantly successful" in pretending that Conservative economics worked but Mr Hattersley claimed that the Prime Minister had been helped by manipulation of statistics.

Spitfire pilot to meet his rescuers

By Richard Evans

Ever since Colin Hodgkinson crashed unconscious in Nazi-occupied France in November, 1943, he had assumed he had been pulled from his burning Spitfire fighter by German troops.

But last month, he was told that he owes his life to two French farmers.

In two weeks Mr Hodgkinson, who like the late Sir Douglas Bader flew with two "tin legs", will attend a ceremony in St Omer, near Calais, where he will meet M Albert Desmazures, aged 68, and M Andre Mareville, aged 67, who risked their lives to save him – and who have two pieces of his Spitfire.

Mr Hodgkinson was aged 23 and on high-altitude weather reconnaissance flight when his aircraft was forced down by an oxygen system fault. When he broke cloud cover he was barely conscious.

I saw plenty of flak coming up and saw fields around me but my head was swimming and it was like a dream. That was the last I remember until I woke up two or three days later in a Luftwaffe hospital at St Omer.

"The Germans never really told me very much about it. They said how lucky I had been and how they had got me out. I did not think, therefore, that the Fench had any part in the rescue."

It was only after a telephone call four weeks ago that he learnt how the two farmers saw his Spitfire crash in the hamlet of Audincthun and cut him free while fire broke out along the aircraft's fuselage.

"Flames were licking down the side of the aircraft. They jumped in and literally hacked me out just before the thing blew up and became a raging inferno.

"They carried me to a farmhouse nearby and it was two or three hours before the Germans got there and took me away."

This summer David Atkins from Dorridge, near Solihull, visited St Omer and heard that no one knew what happened to the pilot. Mr Atkins tracked down Mr Hodgkinson last month.

Mr Hodgkinson, a sales director, lives at Worminghall, near Aylesbury with his wife June.

Mr Hodgkinson, who lost his legs in a flying accident in May, 1939 while he was with the Fleet Air Arm will present an inscribed silver bowl and a translation of his book *Best Foot Forward* to each of the Fernchmen.





Mr Colin Hodgkinson with his wife June (top) and as a pilot officer before taking off in his Spitfire. (Top photograph: Bill Warhurst).

MP seeks inquiry into killer's 'link with Special Branch'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr David Alton, the Liberal MP, last night demanded an inquiry into allegations that a man who murdered his young nephew had links with Special Branch and the British security services.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher had earlier declined to confirm or deny the allegations when questioned about them in the Commons. But she said that Ronald Waldron's reported claims that he killed 29 people would be investigated.

Waldron was jailed for life at Liverpool crown Court yesterday for killing Andrew Waldron, aged five, with a hammer. The judge recommended that he should serve at least 15 years. He was given a concurrent 10-year sentence for the attempted murder of the boy's mother.

Mr Alton, in a Commons motion, demanded a public inquiry into allegations made in the *Liverpool Echo* and in a Liverpool Radio City programme. The allegations include:

Claims that Waldron, aged 38, was either paid or paid in kind by the Merseyside Special Branch, acting on behalf of the security services;

That the Special Branch was fully aware of his long criminal record when he was first employed;

That while employed to monitor Libyan activities in the United Kingdom he was also working for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine;

That Waldron's action in burning a Liverpool synagogue in 1979 was no accident, as claimed in court at the time.

Waldron was described in court as a man who could not tell fact from fiction, but Mr Justice Tudor Evans ruled that the attacks on the boy and his mother were calculated and deliberate.

The court was told that Waldron had entered his sister-in-law's home in Speke, Liverpool, and struck her with the hammer.

As Mrs Rose Waldron lay helpless, Waldron repeatedly hit her son, who died in her arms.

Waldron was said to have told police that he had left his home in Anfield, Liverpool, looking for someone to kill.

Dr William Lawson, senior medical officer at Risley Remand Centre told. "I am satisfied that he leads a rich fantasy life and that at times he cannot tell fact from fiction.

The Radio City programme said Waldron was visited in London by a PLO agent from Beirut, and Mr John Laffyn, a journalist and author described as an expert on Palestinian affairs, said the only reason he could give for the meeting was that the PLO must have valued Waldron highly as a killer.

Mr Laffyn said it was very easy for Middle Eastern people to be killed in London. Many of the victims had been hiding, so nobody knew when they vanished.

A friend of Waldron said he was paid £200 for murders. "To prove he had done the job he had to show them an ear or a hand belonging to the victims."

TUC vows to break through pay ceiling

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Government's 3 per cent pay rise ceiling has been identified by public service unions as a prime target for attack this winter.

And a new concept of "pacemaker" groups of workers, strong enough to lead a breakthrough against employer resistance to a shorter working week is also being considered by the TUC.

These developments are disclosed in confidential papers being discussed today by the TUC's influential economic committee in the run-up to wage negotiations for several million Government and public service employees.

Union leaders have agreed privately that the Cabinet's 3 per cent cash figure for settlements in 1983-84 is "totally unacceptable". The policy document adds: "It will be the objective of all public service unions to break through the limit."

The unions have agreed to closer cooperation in the drawing up and submission of pay demands, working towards a "common core" claim including reduced working hours and the ending of low pay.

Union leaders are to hold a special conference early in the new year to discuss strategy aimed at securing a shorter working week.

● Britain's 24,000 seamen will be urged to take industrial action after a pay offer of 5 per cent yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Union leaders, who say the offer from the General Council of British Shipping is unacceptable, decided to ballot members with a recommendation to reject the offer.

Tube pass forgery in prison

A prisoner at Pentonville jail forged Underground tickets for fellow prisoners to travel to work with. Michael Munday, aged 36, printed false dates on genuine weekly Tube passes and sold them at £2 a time in the north London prison.

Detective Sergeamt Ken North told a court in London that Munday forged the tickets for prisoners coming to the end of their sentences, who were allowed out to work during the day.

Munday admitted six charges of forging London Transport travel cards and was jailed for three months on each, the sentences to run concurrently.

Sergeant North said prisoners brought expired passes to Munday at the end of the week and he "erased the old dates with bleach. He forged new dates on these tickets with a handprinting set".

A prisoner, Alan Smith, aged 29, said in a statement to police: "I was short of money." Another inmate, Reginald Mercer, aged 31, told police he was due for release the day the crime was found out.

Second ballot for Whip's job

Labour MPs last night failed to elect a new deputy chief Whip on the first ballot, giving Mrs Margaret Beckett, Derby south, 34 votes; Mr Norman Hogg, Cumbernaud and Kilsyth, 62 votes; and Mr Don Concannon, Mansfield, 72 votes.

A second ballot will now be held between Mr Hogg and Mr Concannon, with a result to be declared tomorrow. Both remaining candidates are on the centre-right of the party.

Shell drivers' strike ballot

More than 1,000 Shell tanker drivers are being asked whether they want to strike in support of their claim for "substantial" pay rises after rejecting the company's "final" offer of 4.5 per cent increases.

Voting will take place today and tomorrow. The result will be put to a delegate conference of the Transport and General Workers' Union on Friday. Shell filling stations supply nearly 20 per cent of the British market.

Potato crop is down by 20%

This year's maincrop potato yield is about 20 per cent below last year's, according to the Potato Marketing Board.

With 95 per cent of the crop harvested, the average yield is put at 33.5 tonnes a hectare, compared with 39 in 1980, 38.3 in 1981 and 41.8 last year. Wholesale prices are likely to rise sharply during the winter.

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Sale room

Imperial War Museum buys Cavell document

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The Imperial War Museum spent £550 (estimate £200 to £250) at Sotheby's yesterday to obtain the official certificate authorizing the exhumation of the body of Edith Cavell from the Schaerbeek cemetery in 1919. The body of the nurse who died in the first World War was brought back to England for burial and the official authorization for her reburial was also included in the lot.

The sale of printed books, autograph letters and manuscripts contained several oddities. A group of four letters from Rear Admiral Isaac Smith to Mr J. D. Blake about legal and financial matters provoked far more interest than Sotheby's expected, selling for £1,375 (estimate £80 to £120) to Burgess, a London dealer.

Isaac Smith accompanied Captain Cook on his voyage round the world and was the first man from the Endeavour to set foot in Australia.

More up to date was an autograph letter from the future President Reagan to the film columnist Molly Moncrieff Goss answering questions about men's fashions, holidays in Hawaii and England and his recent films. It sold for £880 (estimate £300 to £400). The sale totalled £87,105 with 6 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's also held a sale of Chinese export porcelain with decorative pieces demonstrating their perennial appeal. There were 19 pieces from a "pseudo-tobacco leaf" dinner service at £7,920 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). The sale totalled £139,062 with 11 per cent unsold. Swiss views, as usual fetched the highest prices at Christie's sale of decorative, sporting and topographical prints, with a top price of £11,880 (estimate £12,000 to £16,000) for 50 coloured aquatints of 1834-35 from Füssli's "Promenade pittoresque par les Lieux les plus intérressants de la Suisse".

Police stick to Shergar ransom idea

By Richard Ford, Belfast

Police in the Irish Republic hunting for Shergar, the missing Derby winner, still believe he was taken by paramilitary organizations whose funds had been running low.

With the flow of money from the United States slowing and stricter security at banks in the republic there has been more kidnapping of businessmen and their children with large ransom demands.

The theft of the £10m racehorse from the Aga Chan's Ballymany Stud at Newbridge, co Kildare, nine months ago is believed by the police to be a spectacular ransom attempt.

Only last week a gang of five were jailed for their part in a clash with police at the home in co Wicklow of Mr Galen Weston, a wealthy businessman. As they were led from the dock at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin they shouded: "Up the Provos".

Rewards totalling more than £300,000 for the safe return of Shergar are still on offer. But many within Ireland's horse world believe the animal is dead.

Setback for ordination of women

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Opponents of the ordination of women won a victory in the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday when new obstacles were put in the path of accepting women priests from overseas.

A petition from 30 members persuaded the synod's businss managers to treat a measure for licensing visiting women priests as "a permanent change in the service of Holy Communion."

Supporters of this measure, who regard it as a step towards the Church of England's own ordination of women, will now first have to gain a majority in more than half the diocesan synods, clergy and laity counted separately.

In due course a two-thirds majority in the General Synod itself will be required among clergy, laity and bishops.

The synod voted not to debate the deployment of cruise missiles. Mr Paul Rippon of Norwich Diocese argued that the General Synod was not competent to pass judgment on details of military strategy.

Heseltine rejects defence criticism

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday that Britain could not afford to run down its forces in Europe in order to provide resources to enhance its maritime forces.

He was making his most comprehensive refutation so far of those, including *The Times*, who have criticized the 1981 Defence Review and argued for a reduction in the size of the British Army of the Rhine and an improvement in the surface fleet.

Mr Heseltine did, however, say: "While I remain convinced that the United Kingdom should continue to make a strong contribution to the central front, there is no doubt that the alliance could benefit from some examination of the forces provided by each member, in order to optimize our defence effort. Rationalization of the defence tasks could undoubtedly offer some benefits."

He said that the adjustments to policy made in the review "were on the right lines" and their main thrust "still determines our policy today".

At the time the review was bitterly opposed by the Royal Navy because one of its main effects was seen as being a large run-down in the size of the surface fleet.

Mr Heseltine was addressing a conference organized by King's College London on the future of British sea power.

He said that those who challenged the Government's priorities and wanted more effort devoted to maritime and out-of-area activities should say what other parts of Britain's defence capability should be reduced to make additional resources available.

The introduction of the Trident missile system was comparatively cheap and cutting it to make room for something else did not make financial, let alone strategic, sense, Mr Heseltine said.

Civil Service cut by 13.1%

Britain has its smallest Civil Service since the Second World War, with 636,300 staff, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, said yesterday in a parliamentary written reply.

The number had fallen by 96,000, or 13.1 per cent, since the Conservatives came into office in 1979. Fifty-five per cent of the cuts had been achieved by improving efficiency, he said.

MPs strive for select committees

By Our Political Correspondent

A Commons all-party committee will begin this afternoon selecting MPs for the 14 departmental select committees which will act as Whitehall watchdogs for the rest of the Parliament.

The choice centres on about 340 of the 650 backbenchers not appointed to the Government or Opposition front benches, or to existing select committees, such as public accounts. But there are only 148 places available and competition is intense.

The committee of selection, which is chaired by Sir Phillip Holland, Conservative MP for Gedling, has indicated that nine-strong committee agriculture, education, employment, and health and social security could have five Conservatives, three Labour and one minority party member to reflect the political political balance of the Commons.

One committee, Scottish affairs, has 13 members. That would give it eight Conservative four Labour and one minority party member.

The remaining committees are: defence, energy, enviromenment, foreign affairs, home affairs, industry and trade, transport, treasury and civil service, and Welsh affairs.

Protesters gather at 102 American bases

By Pat Healy

Thousands of demonstrators gathered outside 102 US military installations last night to set up 24-hour peace camps to mark the start of the Greenham Common women's legal action against President Reagan and the US Government.

Each of the camps last night sent mailgrams to New York to post up on the giant map of Britain erected outside the federal court to draw attention to the number of American bases and the support at the "peace camps" for the campaign against cruise missiles.

The legal action is a last-minute attempt to prevent cruise missiles being deployed in Britain. It is intended that the missiles are illegal under international law. Several expert witnesses will be giving evidence in support of the Greenham women's case, including Mr Robert Aldrige, one of the team of scientists who designed the Polaris and Trident missiles.

As well as 13 women connected with the Greenham peace camp, including a resident in Newbury, Berkshire, the plaintiffs include Mr Ronald Dellums, an American Congressman from California.

● More cruise missile parts were brought into Greenham Common yesterday amid strict security (the Press Association reports). A giant American Galaxy aircraft landed at the base shortly after midday, and was immediately encircled by armed paratroopers. It is believed that it was carrying another cruise missile launcher. It was the tenth airdrop into Greenham.

Auction ring action

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

The British Antique Dealers' Association intends taking action over its members who are allegedly involved in illegal auction rings, its new president, Mr Brand Inglis, says.

He has heard damaging stories about one or two of his members, he says, and intends to invite them to talk to him.

"Either they will resign quietly", he says "or they will shout and make a fuss. In that case, it is up to them to take us to court if they want to.

Auction rings have been illegal since 1927. A group of dealers agree before an auction that they will not bid against each other. They then buy items cheaply and afterwards hold a secondary auction or "knock out" and share the difference.

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 28; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pts 150; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pts 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.50; Yugoslavia Din 100

Barristers' clerks can earn £37,500

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Barristers' clerks can earn up to £37,500 a year, according to the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, the profession's governing body.

"It is now possible", the senate said yesterday, "for a single set of chambers to gross over £750,000 a year; and we have no doubt that 5 per cent of that sum (£37,500) is a ridiculously excessive figure to pay a clerk in any circumstances".

The statement was challenged last night by the Barristers' Clerks' Association. Mr William Roberts, its chairman, admitted that 5 per cent would be earned by a clerk in a small set of chambers, but in some, he said, tha whole clerking administration would be paid out of it. And in others the 5 per cent would be shared between the clerk and his assistant.

The senate faces the prospect of stiff resistance to change. In its response yesterday to the 1979 report of the Royal Commission on Legal Services, the senate says: "Every support should be given to chambers which are prepared to try to fix a proper remuneration and to contest the right to a minimum 5 per cent."

The senate says that not only has there been a great increase in nominal earnings through the Bar as a whole, but as overheads have escalated, so chambers have tended to increase in size to contain the costs.

"This has resulted in some clerks doubling or trebling their earnings over a comparatively short period to figures which neither represent a corresponding increase in work or responsibility nor properly reflect the degree of success which the clerk may have attained for chambers."

But the senate says that it accepts the association's arguments before the royal commission that a clerk could not improve his financial position through promotion and so needed some incentive and reward for developing and maintaining the business of chambers. He was also at risk of a sudden drop in income, especially through changes in chambers beyound his control.

Mr Roberts said that the association had been resisting reductions to the five per cent, agreed by the Bar in 1971 after a referendum. In two cases he had had to deal with recently, clerks earning only £15,000 and £6,000.

The Senate admits it could be argued that in the past the Bar had appeared to accept the five per cent minimum. "There is every reason to suppose that the BCA would strongly resist any formal steps taken to reduce this figure."

In its response to the royal commision report the Government yesterday accepted in principle that the procedures of all the main tribunals needed to be reviewed. But that was subject to timing considerations and availability of resources.

The Lord Chancellor is to undertake a review of civil procedure. "The main purpose of the review will be to develop the present system and, if necessary, to restructrure it, in order to achieve the most expeditious, economical and convenient disposal of business."

Last night Mr David Tench, legal officer of the Consumer's Association, said it was pleased that the Government had not yet accepted the royal commission's recommendation that solicitors should retain their monopoly of conveyancing.

Holiday prices are cut again

From Derek Harris
Palma

Intasun Leisure, number two in the package holidays market, has extended a six per cent reduction offer on its holidays for next summer. The original offer was due to end yesterday.

Intasun and its main competitors, Thomson Holidays and Horizon Travel, are expected to continue the price war. Some expect Intasun to improve on the six per cent reduction, with possible cuts of between 10 and 12 per cent. That would take between £20 and £25 off a typical £200 holiday.

The latest move emerged at the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), meeting in Majorca.

Thomson is expected to reprint its recently-launched 84 brochure next month to push price levels further, even if Intasun, which has still to produce its main summer brochure, has not by then shown its hand.

Such an aggressive move by Thomson, which leads the market, is likely to prompt Horizon, number three, to bring in competitive cuts, probably with a brochure reprint.

When operators cut prices later in the booking season the benefits are passed on to those who have already booked.

Last season Thomson brought out a reprint brochure which reduced its prices to Intasun levels. Intasun has traditionally undercut Thomson and Horizon, both of which have operated more towards the higher-priced, quality end of the market.

In its 1984 brochures, published earlier this autumn, Thomson cut prices by an average of 2 per cent. Horizon, which lost a market share in the summer because of its higher prices, also reduced its 1984 prices.

Intasun's riposte was an interim offer to cut prices by 6 per cent based on holidays in its 1983 brochure. That was the offer extended indefinitely yesterday.

The price war has thus turned into a poker game. Mr Harry Goodman, Intasun chairman, claimed yesterday that he was prepared to let Thomson undercut Intasun's main offers because most of Intasun's expected growth would come largely from recently-purchased operations like Club 18-30 and Lancaster Holidays.

Intasun said that it had sold 30,000 holidays on the 6 per cent offer by the end of October, 5 per cent of its total capacity.

Thomson and Horizon, with their brochures already out, are claiming bigger sales.

● Intasun is considering introducing compensatory payments for holidaymakers affected by Spanish hoteliers over booking and forcing them into less satisfactory accommodation.

It is discussing with Spanish hotel chains new clauses in contracts which would ensure compensation. That could persuade the hoteliers to ease the problem.

Restrictions on cable TV imports

By Our Arts Correspondent

Cable television operators will not be allowed to broadcast non-stop imported serials when they go on air, probably next year.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, dropped a broad hint yesterday that the operators would face a quota restricting the use of foreign programmes, similar to the one imposed on Independent Television.

Speaking at a cable industry lunch, Mr Brittan said the Government intended that operators should meet their obligations to British programme makers.

"The cable revolution will be failing the country if it succeeds only in drawing a lot of imported material and does not make its own contribution to British life and culture", he said.

However, it is understood that Mr Brittan is anxious that any quota system will not stop specialist cable stations, similar to public service television in North America, broadcasting their material.

Details of the quota have not been released but, like the independent television quota, it may be lifted from certain categories of programme, such as some film series.

MI5 moles exposed growth of British fascism

How Mussolini and industry financed Mosley

By Peter Hennessy
and David Walker

Secret MI5 papers declassified by the Home Office yesterday show how dependent Sir Oswald Mosley and his British Union of Fascists (BUF) were on funds from Mussolini in the mid-1930s; how Hitler sent a spy to assess their prospects, and give the identity of prominent British industrialists who allegedly funded fascist activities.

The Home Office files, released after a campaign by the Mosley family and several Labour MP's, disclose how thoroughly the BUF was penetrated at all levels by MI5 and the Special Branch.

The papers are littered with reports of private conversations among the fascist leaders; internal documents from Black House, their Chelsea headquarters, and details of salaries and spending.

The papers suggest that Whitehall took the fascist threat seriously in 1934. The Home Office thought the BUF could take off if industrialists, alarmed by the prospect of a Labour government with a big nationalization programme, stepped up their funding of Mosley. Until 1936, the BUF was largley dependent on a gift of £3,000 a month (out of a total income of about £4,000 a month) from Mussolini.

The Mosley files include:

● An MI5 report of July, 1936, containing information from "an absolutely reliable source" that the Mussolini cash was dropping from £3,000 to £1,000 a month and that there was no evidence that Hitler was providing any funds.

● "The Germans did, however, send an agent named Colin Ross to England in April, 1936, to inquire into the position of Mosley's movement. As reported by Special Branch, Colin Ross expressed the opinion that the British movement had 'a fine policy and a splendid leader, but absolutely no organization'."

● In August and September, 1934, the head of MI5, Sir Vernon Keil, told the Home Secretary of prominent people allegedly contributing to the Mosley cause. They included Lord Nuffield, the motor manufacturer ("It is generally believed in Blackshirt circles that he has contributed considerable sums"), Lord Inchcape, the shipping magnate, and Sir A. V. Roe, the aircraft manufacturer.

● MI5 believes in June, 1934, that the support of Lord Rothermere and his newspaper the *Daily Mail* was "obviously an important factor". On April 27, 1936, the Special Branch reported that Ian Dundas, Mosley's chief-of-staff, was to go to Italy as link man with Mussolini and that he was expected to use as cover the post of Rome Correspondent of the *Daily Mail*.

The Home Office was alarmed at the possibility of fascist penetration of public life. It was worried that the BUF might extend its influence among junior members in the forces and that it might become established in the upper reaches of Whitehall. It was even concerned by the existance of fascist groups at certain public schools: Stowe, Winchester, Worksop and Beaumont were mentioned.

On March 11, 1935, Kell told the Home Office: "According to one well-informed reporter from a quarter which we have no reason to distrust, 'cells' have been successfully formed in various branches of the Civil Service...

"This same report adds that some of the 'cells' in the Civil Service are sufficiently highly placed to enable National Headquarters to obtain information of important events before it is made public. No specific instances of this can, however, be quoted."

The Home Office alerted the Prime Minister and head of the Civil Service, and MI5 was told to keep a special watch.

More than 750 official files on the BUF from between 1934 and 1937 were declassified yesterday, about five being retained. The release by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, effectively squashes claims of an establishment cover-up of Mosley sympathizers in high places.

The MI5 archive material is among the fullest and most frank released. It is likely that the few files which remain secret could give clues as to the identity of MI5 and Special Branch "moles" in the movement and it is government policy to protect its agents, past and present.

The Home Office has refused requests by the Mosley family to release transcripts of the 16 hours of interrogation of Sir Oswald by Lord Kirkett in July 1940 under the Defence of the Realm Act, which led to his imprisonment for three-and-a-half years.

The new Mosley Papers can be inspected at the Public Record Office in Kew in the HO 144 Series.

Tomorrow: How seriously did the Cabinet fear a fascist takeover?.. The man who became "Lord Haw-Haw"... The "January Club" involving Britain's armed forces.



The man on the right: Sir Oswald Mosley reviewing his "troops" in October 1936.



The man who named names: Sir Vernon Kell.

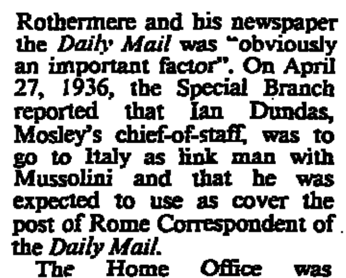


The man in front: Mosley's fascist salute.









The men named by MI5 (from left): Lord Rothermere, owner of the *Daily Mail*; Lord Inchcape, the shipping magnate; Sir A. V. Roe, the aircraft chief; Lord Nuffield, the motor manufacturer.

Gang demanded £2m ransom for couple, court told

A couple were subjected to terrifying threats from kidnappers who demanded a £2m ransom in cash and gold for their release, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The three masked and armed men threatened to cut off one of Mr Emmanuel Xuereb's fingers every day and post it to his father, Mr Anthony Xuereb, aged 60, a Hatton Garden diamond merchant and wine trader, Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said.

The gang also told Mr Xuereb that they would cut off his son's head if he informed the police, the court was told.

Mr Emmanuel Xuereb, aged 33, a wine merchant, and his wife Marie, aged 25, were kidnapped from their home in Lodge Road, Bromley, south London, in January, Mr Amlot said.

They were dragged into an estate car, covered with blankets and driven to a house in Kemble Road, Croydon.

The couple were blindfolded, masked, gagged, stripped naked, bound hand and foot and held in separate rooms before the gang began their demands.

Mr Amlot said that the alleged gang leader, George Panae, telephoned Mr Xuereb's father's home inn Chislesburst, from a call box and spoke to his wife, Margaret, a solicitor. He told her: "I have a message for him. His son is in trouble."

They defied the instruction not to inform the police.

The gang sent photographs of Mrs Xuereb in the nude and a warning note, but after seveal days she was released with a ransom demand for £525,000 and a threat to deliver her husband's head in a box if it was not paid.

However, she supplied the police with sufficient details for them to be able to identify the house where her husband was still a prisoner, Mr Amlot said.

Armed anti-terrorist squad officers surrounded the house before bursting in to release Mr Xuereb, who was still blindfolded and gagged, Mr Amlot said.

George Panae, aged 30, and his brother Anastasi, aged 36, both of Dunstan Road, Battersea, south London, pleaded not guilty to kidnap and blackmail.

Donald Gray, aged 27, unemployed, of Raleigh Gardens, Brixton, south London, who pleaded guilty was remanded for sentence.

Mr Amlot said that Mr Panae had rented the house under a false name and the masked gang had identified themselves as numbers one, two and three.

Mrs Xuereb wept yesterday as she described the kidnap and how she was robbed of her wedding ring and jewelry. She said that she believed the gang intended to kill them.

The hearing continues today.

Costume lesson: London children accompanying actors playing Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in Lambeth. They were taking part in a project to launch the Inner London Education Authority's costume collection's new Victorian section (Photograph: John Manning).

Nude scene upset TV viewers

An episode of the spy serial *Smiley's People*, featuring nudity in a German night club provoked the largest number of viewers' complaints on sexual grounds to the BBC.

The scene brought 48 written complaints that it was intrusive and unnecessary, according to the BBC's annual report published yesterday. *The Cleopatras*, which, the report acknowledges, "few would claim as one of the BBC's drama triumphs", produced 10 letters of complaint.

Coverage of the Falklands campaign created the largest general postbag. In the two weeks ending June 8 last year, the corporation received 2,638 letters about television news programmes on the Falklands: 1,453 critical, 1,093 appreciative, and 92 carrying comments *BBC Annual Report and Handbook 1984*, (£5.50).

Dimbleby strike decision delayed

Mr David Dimbleby, the broadcaster, must wait until next week for a decision over his application for an injunction against the National Union of Journalists to stop it supporting the 13 journalists on strike at his Richmond and Twickenham Times Group of newspapers.

After a private High Court hearing yesterday, a decision on the matter was reserved.

Cup final killer jailed for life

A soccer fanatic who was convicted yesterday of murdering his girl friend because she switched off the FA Cup final replay on television, and who then watched the rest of the game at a club, was jailed for life at Nottingham Crown Court.

Dan Dingley, aged 43, stabbed Christine Worley, also aged 43 during the match between Manchester United and Brighton in May. He had denied murder but admitted manslaughter.

£4m damages award set aside

A £4m damages award against Mr John Barnham of Tolworty Road, Tolworth, Kingston-on-Thames, for alleged video piracy and counterfeit cassette production, was set aside by agreement in the High Court yesterday to allow him to defend an action brought by the film companies to whom the damages were to be paid.

Glue dealers agree to restrict sales

By Our Medical Reporter

Voluntary moves to restrict the sale of solvent to gluesniffers could be in operation by Christmas after talks yesterday involving manufacturers, shopkeepers and the Department of Health.

The Under Secretary of State for Health, Mr John Patten, met representatives of the makers and retailers of solvents "who were as concerned as we are to take steps to reduce the problem", a department spokesman said.

The voluntary guidelines which have been agreed in principle include shopkeepers removing solvents from general display and keeping them behind the counter, displaying signs stating they reserve the right not to sell certain products to young people and information leaflets to help shop assistants recognize possible glue-sniffers.

According to department figures, 236 children have died of solvent abuse since 1971, 66 of them last year and 33 in the first six months of this year. "We suspect the problem is becoming more serious", the spokesman said.

● A teacher died from the effects of a solvent-sniffing session, an inquest was told yesterday (Our Birmingham Correspondent writes).

Gareth Jones, aged 28, a games teacher who worked at Alston Junior School in Birmingham, was found dead at his lodgings in Hunnington Crescent, Halesowen, with a plastic bag over his head and spray cans of glue and polish lying near by.

A pathologist, Dr Eric Bowers, said that Mr Jones had died from trichloroethane poisoning. The Birmingham coroner, Mr Victor Round, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

£300,000 for road victim

A woman of 26 who was totally paralysed in a road accident won £300,000 agreed damages in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Anthony Machin, QC, her counsel, said she was knocked down on a zebra crossing in Frimley, Surrey, in 1979 and transformed from a happy and healthy girl to a lifeless mute

Miss Sandra Gostling, now cared for in a hospital for incurables in Putney, south London, could not speak but could understand what said to her. She went through "agonies of mind unspoken". Mr Machin said.

The damages are to be paid by the car driver, Celia Denton, of Camden Park Road, Camden north London, who admitted liability.

Help for alcoholic doctors is urged

By Thomson Prentice
Medical Reporter

Doctors are more likely to become alcoholics than other people, the Medical Council on Alcoholism was told yesterday. Figures had showed that doctors were more than three times likely to die from liver cirrhosis.

One of the reasons might be heavy drinking while they were medical students and in the early years after they had qualified, according to Professor Kenneth Rawnsley, president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The responsible nature of their work and the associated emotional control they had to exercise might also play a part, he said.

He gave three examples from his experience of doctors with severe drink problems. One was convicted several times for drunkenness and fraud, another committed homosexual offences, and the third piled all his surgery drugs into a bucket which he left in the waiting room with a note telling patients to help themselves, and not bother him. His notes had added that it was no more random a method of prescribing drugs than those used by other doctors.

Professor Rawnsley said that in the past three years the General Medical Council had been notified of 63 cases of doctors allegedly involved in the misuse of alcohol or drugs.

Controls to protect the public from doctors who drink excessively are imposed within the National Health Service and by the General Medical Council, but neither system was completely satisfactory, Professor Rawnsley said.

Alcoholic doctors were difficult to help. "They are sometimes treated by their colleagues in ways which are detrimental, and if so, the whole thing tends to be conducted in an eccentric manner", Professor Rawnsley said.

He suggested that a four-year-old scheme to help anaesthetists with drink problems could be adopted by other branches of the profession.

"Anaesthetists are a particularly vulnerable group who are at the sharp end of the profession.

The informal scheme involved discreet contacts by worried surgeons with the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Anonymity would be preserved and the anaesthetist would be offered confidential help by a psychiatrist in his own area.

Professor Rawnsley produced figures showing that in 1971 the ratio of physicians and surgeons dying from liver cirrhosis was more than three times that of the general population. But between 1931 and 1971, the deaths of doctors from lung cancer had halved

"Doctors smoke a great deal less now; they have really cut down in a big way. Could there be any casual link between the fall in the rate of smoking and the rise in the rate of drinking? I leave it with you", Professor Rawnsley said.

Imprisoned rates rebel loses job

By Craig Seton

A man who has served three prison sentences since 1980 for refusing to pay a rates bill and is now on hunger strike in Horfield Prison, Bristol, has been dismissed for taking too much time off from his job.

Mr Alistair Munro, aged 55, a technical writer, of Portishead, near Bristol, is in the hospital wing of Horfield, where he is serving a 45-day sentence.

For the past three years he has booked his annual holiday to start on the day he knew he would be imprisoned for refusing to pay a rates bill.

But Westland Helicopters, of Yeovil, where Mr Munro has been employed as a technical writer at the Weston super Mare division for 10 years, has finally acted.

Mrs Munro said yesterday: "We will fight this one to the end whatever it takes.

Licence holders say complaints are ignored

CB radio fans switch off in protest

By Kenneth Gosling

Disenchanted citizens' band radio owners are deserting the hobby in large numbers because of what they see as official disregard of their complaints of misuse by a minority of users.

Others who took out licences and bought CB rigs when the system was legalized two years ago have not renewed them because they quickly became bored. The take-up of licences is running at 40 per cent of the number taken two years ago; new ones are being taken out at the rate of 8,000 to 9,000 a month, in contrast to 10,000 a month in the first year. The number of current licences is 286,000.

Officials of the newly-formed British Citizens' Band Council will go to the Department of Trade in London today to point out that although there are penalties for using illegal equipment, there is still no control of how people use the legal channels available to them.

Mr Ian Leslie, president of the council, said they hoped to get through some specimen prosecutions if the Government would include the necessary measures in the Telecommunications Bill.

Cheaper equipment now on the market has meant a wider use of CB by irresponsible people, mainly in urban areas, who use bad language, play music and use Channel 9, the emergency only channel, for ordinary conversation.

Mrs Sue Sharp, editor of the monthly magazine *Citizens' Band*, said: "There is a high level of abuse in some areas and little official reaction. People are paying £10 to take out a licence and really getting absolutely nothing in return".

The official view, she says, is that the greatest priority must go to checking interference with broadcast bands; no money or manpower is available for other purposes.

CB use has settled into a pattern, according to Mrs Sharp. "Young male users have a CB in the car, older people have base station units at home.

"It still has important social aspects, especially for the disabled and housebound. I had a letter from a blind woman saying what enormous enjoyment and satisfaction she got from CB."

Because manufacturers and marketing companies misread the market in the first place, a great deal of equipment was unsold and marked down to the point where a CB rig, originally costing £80, could now be bought for as little as £25 which, responsible users say, has led to misuse.

Britain told to tidy up sex equality law

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Britain was ordered by the European Court in Luxembourg yesterday to tidy up its legislation to ensure equal rights between men and women.

The court found that existing British legislation did not comply with EEC requirements in three areas.

The most important of those was that it does not ensure that existing agreements between trades union and employers comply with equal rights laws.

The other two areas concern what is thought to be unfair treatment towards men. The court says that it is not right to allow, for example, advertisements specifically for char ladies or women companions, and it does not like the fact that midwifery has been exclusively a female profession. But the court has indicated that it will not press that point since men can now train in Britain to become midwives.

Misadventure verdicts on coach crash victims

A crash on the M4 in which four coach passengers died and 12 were injured might have been avoided, an inquest was told yesterday. Mr John Elgar, the coroner at the hearing in Swindon, Wiltshire said that an eastbound 16-ton lorry carrying sheet metal crashed through the central barrier and sliced open a westbound National Express coach "like a tin opener on a tin of sardines".

The lorry struck the Heathrow to Swansea coach after a nail punctured the lorry's front offside remould tyre. Mr Elgar said: "It is extremely unlikely that a new tyre receiving a nail would have blown out and caused the same accident".

Mr Elgar said it was not an offence to use a remould tyre on the front of a heavy goods vehicle but that there is a custom in the trade that such tyres are not used.

He recorded a verdict of death by misadventure on all four passengers.

New transmitters vital to improve world reception, BBC says

From Arthur Osman
Warwick

The BBC accepted that its proposed high-frequency World Service transmitter station near Stratford-upon-Avon would damage the landscape a public inquiry in Warwick was told yesterday.

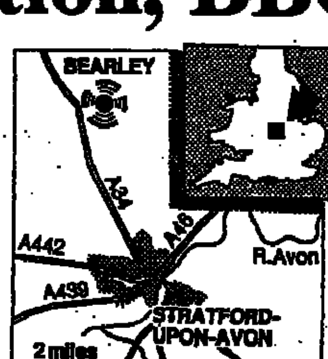
But Mr Gerard Ryan, QC, appearing for the corporation, said it was necessary to improve World Service reception in eastern Europe, the Middle and Far East and North and South America.

He said that the audibility programme being undertaken by the BBC and the Foreign Office was important because the BBC's foreign reception had fallen behind that of other nations.

"It has become imperative that the situation should be dealt with now. A great many people rely on what they hear from the BBC much more than on what they hear from other propagational networks."

The World Service broadcast 24 hours a day and in 38 languages. It had an adult audience of 100 million and received 356,000 letters a year from listeners.

The proposed station at Bearley, two miles north of Stratford would have between 24 and 30 tower masts, varying in height from 167ft to 295ft, and six 300kw transmitters,



with a seventh on standby, capable of operating in the 6 to 24 megahertz frequency bands.

Mr Ryan said that sites in Dorset and Somerset had been rejected. Orford Ness in Suffolk was suitable for medium wave but very poor for high-frequency transmission. It would also cost between £4m and £5.5m more to develop than Bearley. If planning permission is granted, the 198 hectare Bearley site should be in use by 1986.

Mr Ryan said development of the site would pose no danger to the public health, nor would it interfere with domestic and commercial apparatus. "The BBC is not in the business of causing interference to radios and television. It goes to considerable trouble not to cause interference."

He added that the World Service transmitters in Daventry had generated 230 complaints in 1981 and only a few had not been cleared up. "We confidently expect only a fraction of those at Bearley because modern transmitters will be installed and the population near the site is smaller."

Mr Charles Dennay, chief engineer of the BBC's external services said that transmitters being replaced were more than 40 years old and were becoming less reliable. "To achieve satisfactory audibility in the target areas of Russia, Eastern Europe and the Arab world, more transmitters based in the UK will be required. They will need to be at least 250kw and a few will need to be 500kw in power."

Sites occupied by old transmitters dated from the Second World War. The criteria used in selecting those sites were different to those of the 1980s. The original sites were not capable of further large expansion.

Objectors to the proposals include the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, which says interference will affect its computerized lighting, sound and other services; Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council.

The hearing, which is expected to last up to a month, continues today.

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Lebanon talks must not be put at risk

MIDDLE EAST

Nothing should be done in the Lebanon which would increase the turmoil or put at risk the reconciliation talks at present taking place, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said amid close questioning in the Commons on the possibility of retaliatory action by the United States.

The Prime Minister, however, avoided any direct reference to increased US involvement, telling Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, that she could not comment on something that had not occurred.

Mr Kinnock began exchanges on the Lebanon by saying the whole House would welcome Mrs Thatcher's prudent warning to the American Government of the consequences of retaliatory action in the Lebanon.

Did she make it clear in her contacts yesterday (he said) that British troops would be withdrawn if any retaliatory measures were undertaken?

Mrs Thatcher: I must make it clear with regard to both the content and comment in newspaper reports of the breakfast meeting yesterday (with Mr Kenneth Dam, US Deputy Secretary of State) that I just did not recognize some of them as relating to the meeting I attended. And I was after all there the whole time.

The United States is, of course, entitled to take measures of self-defence. That is precisely why I sent the six Buccaneers to Cyprus to be there should our multinational force need that support. I am sure Mr Kinnock would have agreed about that.

As regards pulling out, that is a hypothetical question at the moment. We should need to be in contact with all our partners in the multinational force before such a decision was taken.

Mr Kinnock: The situation has changed somewhat dramatically and tragically since the time that the Buccaneers were committed to assist and defend our troops in the Lebanon.

If Mrs Thatcher is not prepared to say that withdrawal would be the consequence of a retaliatory attack what means would she be prepared to use to back up her own judgment that retaliatory action could jeopardize the reconciliation talks in Geneva as well as the situation of *our own troops in the multinational force?*

Mrs Thatcher: We put the Buccaneers in Cyprus in case our own forces should feel they needed extra support in self-defence. The position has changed. One of the tragedies has been that which occurred to the United States, French and Israeli forces. It was a terrorist atrocity of appalling proportions. We have sympathy with all of those involved in it.

Our troops in the multinational force are carrying out their original terms of reference. Should there be any change we would have to consult other members of the multinational force.

At present our multinational force there is doing a good job and their work of patrolling and guarding places where the peace talks are taking place is much appreciated. I see no need to change that unilaterally.

Mr Kinnock: While we all recognize that on the basis of the original deployment British troops are doing exactly the fine job she suggests, the change in the deployment of American forces and the awful tragedy of the deaths incurred by the bombings does change the atmosphere.

What is her attitude towards the American Government if it persists, as it appears to be doing in the view of many responsible commentators and analysts, to consider a retaliatory attack? British lives may be at stake.

Mrs Thatcher: Any members of any multinational force are entitled to take measures in self-defence. Mr Kinnock is asking me to consider something that has not occurred and, therefore, I cannot answer it.

At present British members of the multinational forces are doing a good job. They went into Beirut along with other members of the multinational force to reestablish the authority of the Lebanon Government and the Lebanese armed forces. That is being done.


Fraser: Syrian takeover would be worse.

It is important that nothing be done which jeopardizes or hinders the reconciliation talks which are vital if Lebanon is to be restored to a full independent country again.

Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C): Is it not time that Mr Kinnock took into consideration, and the Prime Minister reinforced him in that, that critical though the situation be in the Middle East, the worst possible event would be a Syrian takeover of the state of Lebanon?

Mrs Thatcher: The situation in the Lebanon is serious. At the moment it looks as though there is a de facto partition with the multinational force around Beirut and terrible battles going on between factions of the PLO.

I think I would express the general feelings of many when I say I hope nothing will be done which will increase turmoil or put at risk the reconciliation talks at present taking place.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Does she not agree that the withdrawal of the Syrian and Israeli forces from the Lebanon might only be achieved in the context of a wider Middle East settlement. Will she agree that such a conference should be called?

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Sit down and have a rest. (Loud laughter)

Mrs Thatcher: We have long been seeking to get a general settlement in the Middle East in a wider Israeli-Arab context. If we had to wait for that settlement before we sort out the Lebanese problem, we would have to wait long time. At the moment we are anxious for reconciliation talks to continue with all possible speed.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas (Chelmsford, C): If press reports of her discussions with Mr Dam, were inaccurate, what was discussed? Will she accept that in seeking to promote peace in the Middle East she will have support from MPs from all parts of the House?

Mrs Thatcher: The talks were friendly, serious and constructive and considered all the important matters at issue at the moment. If every single sentence or expression of view in confidential talks has to be revealed for comment, then confidential talks would very soon cease.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): Does she accept in the tense Middle East compounded by the illness of the Soviet leader, the impending invasion, according to reports, of the Lebanon by America and Israel? Will she confirm that that would be strongly condemned by the British Government and that she would seek to get other western democracies to join in that condemnation?

Mrs Thatcher: Action in self-defence is permitted under military law. The United States, France and Israel were at the receiving end of the most terrible atrocities. It is for them to consider how far the laws of self-defence permit any action which they may or may not be contemplating. It would be totally wrong to make any statement in advance of anything that may or may not happen.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Proceedings on the Oil Taxation Bill. Lords (2.15): Debate on NHS. European Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Debate on straw burning.

Prisoners win ruling over representation

Prisoners facing internal disciplinary proceedings have no absolute right to legal representation, two High Court judges ruled yesterday.

But in some circumstances they should be and prison boards of visitors, which have rejected all appeals for representation, must consider such requests, the judges said.

Lord Justice Kerr sitting with Mr Justice Webster in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, ordered fresh hearings into the cases of five prisoners, two of whom had been charged with mutiny.

Mr Justice Webster said that in all the cases the boards had said that the prisoners had no right to legal representation.

Mr Simon Brown, for the boards, had said that as they had never permitted legal representation in the past any discretion to grant it had been lost by "ancient long-established usage".

But that argument was misconceived, Mr Justice Webster said.

The judge said that he could see little force in the boards' arguments that such a system would produce logistical difficulties, unfairness and challenges from prisoners.

"Once a recognized practice has been evolved, it does not seem to me likely that large numbers of prisoners will apply for legal representation in excess of those to whom it is granted."

Two of the prisoners bringing the court action should have been granted representation after being charged with mutiny, the judges said.

James Tarrant and Roy Leyland were both involved in riots in Albany prison, Isle of Wight, in May

Leyland, serving eight-and-a-half years, lost 400 days' remission, equivalent to an 18-month sentence. The case against Tarrant, who is serving 16 years, was adjourned.

Tom Tangney was serving life at Wormwood Scrubs when charged with seven disciplinary offences, including an assuault on a prison officer after disturbances, in June. He lost 112 days' privileges.

Christopher Clark, who was serving life at a the same prison, was confined to his cell for 77 days after being found guilty of four offences.

James Anderson, also serving life there, was charged with four offences. The hearing was adjourned.

The judges said that the charges against all five must be heard again when their requests for legal representation must be considered.

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Date set for breath-test case appeal

The appeal by Hampshire police concerning the new breath-test machines will be heard in the High Court probably by the Lord Chief Justice on December 6.

The case comes after a hearing in Basingstoke in September when a man was acquitted on a drink-driving charge because magistrates refused to accept the print-out of the new machines as a statement.

As a result hundreds of cases throughout the country were adjourned until the outcome of the appeal is known.

Appeals from magistrates' courts usually take many weeks to come to court but informed sources believe that police forces want the issue to be resolved before Christmas.

Prior challenges planning veto

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is appealing against a decision by councillors refusing him permission to build a house and garage on land at his farm in Brampton in Suffolk

The planning subcommittee of Waveney District Council, rejected the plans on the grounds that they were contrary to planning policy in a rural area. Mr Prior, MP for Lowestoft, has appealed to the Department of the Environment.

Methane tests

Devices to detect methane gas in mines are being tested at Cynheidre colliery, Dyfed, by the geology department of University College, Swansea. They use seismographs above ground and geophones below.

Spider crash

Miss Jane Patey, aged 20, of Chard, Somerset, crashed her car into a hedge yesterday near Taunton, after a spider she flicked off the windscreen fell into her lap.

Dental health improves

By Nicholas Timmins, Health Services Correspondent

Children's dental health in England and Wales has improved substantially over the past 10 years, but children in Scotland and Northern Ireland have much higher rates of dental decay, according to a government survey.

The survey shows that the proprotion of five-year-olds with decayed teeth in England and Wales fell from 71 per cent in 1973 to 48 per cent last year.

In the 9 to 13 age group, there was a reduction of about 10 per cent and of 4 per cent in 15-year-olds down to 93 per cent.

But the survey, published yesterday by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, shows that in Scotland and Northern Ireland 74 per cent of five-year-olds had tooth decay.

It also suggests that they are likely to have more teeth affected. An average of 5.6 teeth are decayed among 15-year-olds in England, compared with 8.5 in Scotland and 9.2 in Northern Ireland.

Children's Dental Health, 1983 OPCS Monitors, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

Ripper attacker sentenced to extra five years

From Our Correspondent
Isle of Wight

James Costello, was sentenced to five years imprisonment yesterday for unlawfully wounding Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm at Parkhurst prison in January.

The sentence will run consecutively to the 10 years Costello, aged 36, is serving for endangering life and resisting arrest with a gun.

Judge McCreery told him: "You inflicted appalling injuries on Sutcliffe. You are one of the most dangerous and evil men it has ever been my misfortune to encounter".

Detective Sergeant William Berry told the court that Costello's 28 convictions included 15 involving prison sentences



Baiting the trap: Norma Streader outside St Martin's Theatre, London, yesterday where she will be taking over the part of Mollie Ralston in *The Mousetrap*, by Agatha Christie, on November 28. Miss Streader will be the thirtieth actress to play the part of the wife of the guesthouse owner in the hardy perennial West End show which opened on November 25, 1952. She will take over from Jan Linden (Photogaraph: Suresh Karadia).

Avoiding manipulation in union elections

TRADE UNIONS

In commending the provisions in the Trade Union Bill designed to ensure that all voting members of trade union executives are elected by secret ballot, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, explained in the Commons that voting by show of hands at branch meetings, with all the potential manipulation involved, would not satisfy the requirements of the Bill. This would be a major advance.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, he said the most important thing was to ensure that every trade unionist had a genuine and equal opportunity to vote and to do so in security. This would end what amounted to disenfranchisement of the majority – the scandalous situation that existed in some of the larger unions. In practice, the ballot would be carried out at the workplace or by post. It would be impractical or counter-productive to require postal ballots in every case.

Turning to the part of the Bill dealing with strike ballots, he said to the unions: Ballot your members before you call them out on strike *and get legal immunity*, or call them out without a ballot and forfeit that immunity. That was a simple and fair proposition.

Mr King said it was still the case that most unions refuse to hold secret ballots before strikes and relied on rowdy, open-air meetings which were a travesty of democracy. The coercive power of the closed shop was used to force people to strike without consultation.

The Bill contained nothing that was not already done by one union or another. If some trade unions could follow proper democratic procedures, why not all? That was what the Bill was all about.

It would not be practical to hold the organizers or leaders of unofficial action to ballots. It would be illogical to put a balloting obligation on a trade union in the case of wholly unofficial action.

Some had suggested, but he did not believe it, that the effect of this provision could encourage unofficial action. On the contrary, it would cause organizers of such action to think twice. They would know that their union would be reluctant to give official blessing to a strike started unofficially. To do so, without holding a ballot, would cast the union its immunity. In future the organizers of unofficial action might well find that they were on their own.

The Opposition had claimed every time that any and every change in the law would mean an increase in unofficial action. They said the same about the 1982 Act, but he had yet to see any evidence of it. The Opposition's solution of unlimited, unconditional immunity for any and every bit of industrial action was not noticeably successful when they tried it in the 1970s.

There was nothing in the Bill to prevent a union from continuing to engage in political activities if that was the wish of the majority of its members. The unions could continue to march their ghost armies through party conferences, brandishing their block votes, if that was what their members wished.

Smith: Mean-minded political spite.

The Bill provided that unions with political funds must consult their members in a secret ballot at least once every 10 years to see if members wanted the political fund to continue.

The Bill did not deal with the right of individual union members not to pay the political levy. That right was guaranteed by the *1913* Act, but there had been increasing concern in recent years about the difficulties some union members had experienced in exercising that right.

This was a matter he was currently discussing with the TUC. He had asked them to come forward with practical proposals for ensuring the free and effective right of trade unionists to choose whether or not to pay the levy.

He would let the House know the outcome of these talks at the earliest opportunity. He had made it clear to the TUC that in the absence of acceptable proposals from them he *reserved the right to bring forward* suitable amendments to this Bill at a later stage, possibly on report.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Monklands East, Lab), said the Bill was an irrelevant effrontery by the Conservative Party. It created a legal as well as a practical incentive for unofficial action.

In an act of mean-minded political spite, the Conservative Party sought so to restrict the operation of the political funds of trade unions as to undermine the Labour Party financially and thereby make it more difficult for the Oppositon to carry out its constitutional function.

The Bill proceeded on the assumption there was a serious deficiency in the way the trade unions elected their executive councils. That was a slur on them. They had responded to changes throughout their history and they were changing every year the method whereby they conducted their own internal democracy.

It came ill from the Government to talk of democracy at the workplace, of which trade unions were almost the only example, when it had consistantly refused to consider any change which would give unions and their members any influence in the decisions at the workplace which had a major effect on their lives.

If the Government believed the system it proposed was so good, why was it not to be applied to every voluntary organization, such as the National Farmers Union? The NFU probably exercised more influence over the Government than the whole trade union movement put together.

The Bill also removed the necessary immunity from trade unions in all official strikes not approved by a ballot of the workers. That provided the real clue to the Government's intention which was to alter the balance of power between the trade unions and the employers.

It would undermine unions' efforts in pursuance of their members' interests because it would become impossible to take speedy or decisive action as it would take days or weeks to organize a large ballot.

The Government recommended contracting in as their favoured option for the political levy but it was not in the Bill yet. None the less it was clearly to be held in reserve by Mr King and it might well be introduced later.

It was glaringly obvious that the Government proposed no limitations whatsoever on the sources of funds for the Conservative Party from private sector companies. There was no requirement for a ballot of shareholders on political funds. There was no provision for consulting them at all.

The Bill was a blatant attempt by the Government to use the power of Parliament to alter the balance of power in the state to the advantage of the government of the day.

When Labour returned to power they would repeal the Bill and replace it with legislation to reinstate the principles the Government sought to abandon. (Labour cheers)

Inquiry into fraud trial procedure

The setting up of a committee of inquiry in response to concern that the law and procedure governing long and complex fraud trials is inadequate was announced by Mr Leon Brittain, Home Secretary, and Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor in written replies in both Houses. The committee will be chaired by Lord Roskill, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

The terms of reference are: "To consider in what ways the conduct of criminal proceedings *in England* and Wales arising from fraud can be improved and to consider what changes in existing law and procedure would be desirable to secure the just, expeditious and economical disposal of such proceedings".

Concern at rise of Sinn Fein

ULSTER

The constitutional position of northern Ireland was safeguarded by provisions in statute – Northern Ireland remained a part of the United Kingdom and would continue to be a part unles her people wished otherwise, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said when making a Commons statement on the Anglo-Irish bilatural talks held yesterday.

The meeting had provided a useful and constructive exchange of views, she said, and reflected the good relationship which now existed between the two countries.

We reaffirmed our deep concern (she said) about continuing violence and our joint determination to take all possible means to end it. We look forward to further meetings of the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental council at heads of government level at regular intervals.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition (Islwyn, Lab): The main purpose of Dr Garret Fitzgerald's visit was to secure reassurance that the British Government attaches high priority to Northern Ireland affairs. was she able to give the assurance including any proposals by her for new initiatives?

It is reported that Dr Fitzgerald alluded in interviews to the increasing alienation of the minority in Northern Ireland. What are the Government views on that?

I welcome the talks and meetings between the British and Irish Governments at heads of government level and hope they will continue at regular intervals. Are there to be periodic reports?

Mrs Thatcher: We do give high priority to Northern Ireland affairs. The situation there is such that we have to and we are constantly seeking to end terrorism and violence. We were not able to consider any new initiatives at the present time and if there were any new initiatives they would have been reported to the House.

As regards increasing alienation, I am not aware of any such increase in alienation of the minortiy community in Norther Ireland. What has been disturbing has been the extent to which Sinn Fein have gained extra support. That is of concern to all who oppose violence.

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley, OUP): While regretting that the Government feels it necessary to maintain the fiction of the Anglo-Irish council when there is not, for example, an Anglo-American council or an Anglo-Israeli council, can we assume the Prime Minister achieved her object in indicating to the Irish Government the dangerous course pursued since 1979 was now being reversed?

Mrs Thatcher: It is *important* we try to have good, friendly relations with the Republic of Ireland. That is the only country with which we have a land border and there has been considerably improved cooperation across the border.

To have a close, friendly relationship with the Republic does not mean there is any change in that Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom and will remain that way unless the people of Northern Ireland wish it any other way.

Police Bill

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill was read a second time in the Commons on Monday night by 339 votes to 188 – Government Majority, 151.

Less jobless and more vacancies

EMPLOYMENT

Mr Tom King, answering questions in the Commons for the first time since being appointed Secretary of State for Employment, said he was proud that in his first statement on unemployment he was able to announce a subetantial reduction in the figures.

Answering Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab), Mr King said the total number of unemployed in October was 3,093,998 – a fall of 73,441 from September – and the seasonally adjusted total, excluding school leavers, fell by 10,000 from September, the second fall in three months.

The Secretary of State added: While it is always unwise to put too much emphasis on one month's figures, I note rising vacancies, less short-time working and more overtime, which all support the Government's view of a steady improvement in the economy.

Mr Flannery: The quarter of a million young people already on the youth training scheme are really young unemployed on a training course and, on their £25 a week, which is basically unemployment pay, if these figures were added to the figures just given, there would be no drop whatsoever in unemployment: there has really been a massive increase which is getting worse.

Mr King: That was the most disgraceful comment about YTS I have heard. I thought he had some connexion with education and would have understood the importance of young people getting some training, fitting them better for the challenges of a modern and technological society.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Riverside, Lab): Although I welcome the small drop in the Merseyside figures, he will be aware of thousands of redundancies in the pipeline on Merseyside which will push the figures up considerably. What plans does he have for positively reducing unemployment on Merseyside and in our region, or is there no such policy?

Mr King It is a bit difficult to suggest the Government has no such policy when I have been able to announce a fall in unemployment figures. It is interesting to note the sort of welcome we get to an announcement that nearly 73,500 more people are at work than in the previous month.

Later Mr King said everyone would agree unemployment was too high. He added: It is the Government's determination to get that figure down by strengthening the economy and ensuring there are again real jobs in the economy.

The present evidence (he said) is that there are now in this last quarter, for the first quarter for four years, actually more people at work than in the previous quarter and there is a further increase in vacancies. There are about half a million vacancies and that is a steadily rising figure.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, (Monklands, East, Lab): One of the most disturbing features about recent unemployment statistics is that in *future over one million people are* likely to be unemployed for a long time. *Is it not, therefore, long* overdue for the Government to act upon the recommendation of the social security advisory committee and give supplementary benefit to the long-term unemployed.

Is this not a simple matter of morality to do justice to the long term unemployed?

Mr King: This is not primarily a question for me but for the Secretary of State for Social Services and I note what he says. Of course, we are concerned about the position of the long-term unemployed but against that we have over 600,000 places covered by special employment measures which is some evidence, in addition to the YTS, of our determination to help with these problems.

Work safety penalties under review

Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Minister of State for Employment, told the Commons at question time that he is examining the penalties that are imposed under the health and safety at work legislation.

Mr Thomas Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) had mentioned a case in which, following a fatal accident, the firm concerned was fined £800. The maximum penalty (he continued) is apparently £1,000. That is totally inadequate.

Mr Gummer: None of us can see a case of that sort without very considerable sadness and I looked at it carefully. There is some disquiet that the penalties and indeed the way they are imposed are not sufficient.

Providing a foothold on the farming ladder

HOUSE OF LORDS

The primary aim of the Agricultural Holdings Bill was to arrest the disastrous decline in farm tenancies, Lord Belstead, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said when he moved the second reading of the Bill in the House of Lords.

He pointed out that tenancies today represented less than 40 per cent of all farm land compared with 90 per cent at the turn of the century. With that decline had been lost many opportunities for those who, without much capital, but with energy and skill could get a foothold on the farming ladder.

There could be little doubt that the 1976 Agriculture Miscellaneous Provisions Act which introduced three generation succession had a good deal to answer for.

The Bill sought to implement a package of proposals presented by the NFU and the Country Landowners Association. It contained two main changes – a new rent formula and the abolition of rights of succession for new tenancies.

The Government believed that by providing a fairer and more practicable basis for the assessment of rents, confidence would increase in the basis upon which arbitrations were decided. At the same time, freed of the prospect of one tenancy leading to a succession of tenancies which could last for well over 100 years, it was the hope that in future landowners would again offer farms to rent.

It was not expected that the new rent formula would have a marked effect on the current level of rents. The purpose of the new formula was to give arbitrators a realistic basis for assessments and to instill confidence again in the basis of the rental system.

The Bill repealed the three generations succession provisions of the 1976 legislation in relation to all new tenancies, other than succession tenancies. There was to be no retrospection and tenancies in existence when the Bill came into force would not be affected. But for future tenancies, the law would return to the basis of life-time security of tenure.

Among other provisions was one which would help landlords to obtain early repossession where a tenant was farming badly.

The Minister of Agriculture had indicated his agreement to an increase from three to five years in the period for lettings or licences granted under the Bill to give an inexperienced tenant a period of trial before concluding a full tenancy or where a landlord's son or daughter was expected shortly to take over a vacated holding.

This increase could be implemented by administrative arrangements when the Bill had been enacted and this the Government intended to do.

In dealing with the sensitive relationship between landlord and tenant, the Government had sought agreement and at last found it in the NFU/CLA package.

Through that agreement (he added) we hope to achieve a revision of the law which will mark a move forward which, through agreement, will give more confidence, for the letting of land and greater opportunities for a start on the land.

Lord John-Mackie, for the Opposition, said there had not been enough evidence to warrant the major change the Government was making in security of tenure. The situation in the owner-occupier section was far worse. Farms were being amalgamated all over the country. The Opposition believed that neither of the two major changes in the Bill would work.

Lord Walston (SDP) said the Bill was a mouse. If its primary aim was to halt the decline in farm tenancies it had failed. He condemned it not because of its commissions but because of its omissions. This was a wonderful chance for the Government to tackle this serious problem and it had thrown that chance away.

New peers

The new Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, formerly the Bishop of Durham, and Lord Barnett, formerly Mr Joel Barnett, Labour MP for Heywood and Royton, were introduced in the House of Lords.

£100 conscience money left to MoD

By Kenneth Gosling

Any former-serviceman or woman who has ever left the Forces with a cap badge or other memento will have a stirring of conscience after the publication yesterday of an Irishman's will and his bequest of £100 to the Secretary of State for Defence.

Mr Alphonsus Gerald MacDermott, of Glenageary, co Dublin, who died a year ago, served as a warrant officer in the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War and then in the Royal Air Force. In his will he left estate valued at £72,750.

Of that, £100 went to the Ministry of Defence to compensate, in his own words, "for any misappropriation made by me at any time during my service with the Crown Forces without admission of liability".

It was not something he ever mentioned. His executor, Mr Travers Homan, aged 85, said in Dublin: "I suppose it was conscience, but he never said anything to me."

The ministry said yesterday it was the first time it had heard of a former-serviceman making voluntary restitution for any losses.

The Inland Revenue, on the other hand, has plenty of experience of conscience money.

In 1980 it received an unsolicited £311,000, including a single payment of £250,000 from a Swiss bank account. In 1981 it was sent £130,000, including amounts of £92,000 and £18,000.

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British Caledonian

Basis of EEC rebate overturned

Britain accuses commissioners of cooking books with new formula

From Ian Murray Brussels

To its amazement and anger, Britain was told yesterday that it has been deriving hundreds of millions of pounds more in benefits from membership of the EEC than it had ever thought possible.

The revelation came in a new formula produced by the European Commission to present to the crucial special council of foreign and finance ministers which opens in Athens today.

It relies on an argument which the Foreign Office immediately described as unacceptable. That it has been put forward at all is certain to make it more difficult than ever to reach agreement on the package of reforms so desperately needed by the Community before the end of the year.

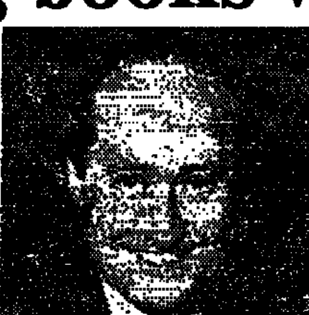
The Athens meetng is also to consider a paper drawn up by the Greek presidency looking at progress so far towards agreement on agricultural reform and the need for new policies.

The paper optimistically looks forward to welcoming Spain and Portugal into the Community at the start of 1986, when, it suggests, the EEC should increase the amount of money it derives from a levy on value-added tax from the present 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent.

This figure is higher than anything so far suggested by the Commission and underlines how desperately Greece wants to see an increase in the Community's resources.

This strengthens Britain's negotiating hand, since there can be no increase in resources unless it agrees to one and it has made it clear it will not consider this until the budget question is settled to its satisfaction.

Significantly, the Greek paper does not deal with the budget problem, clearly leaving this



Mr Tugendhat: Attempt at "cheating and tricking".



Mr Richard: Prevented from opposing scheme.

difficult question open, to allow discussion of the new Commission proposal.

Since this drastically reduces the size of the British problem it is likely to find many friends in Athens – and an implacable enemy in Britain itself. Britain obviously does not want the size of the problem reduced, because that would mean reducing the size of the solution.

The new Commission formula contrives more than to halve the size of Britain's net contributions to the Community. Applied to last year's figures, it suggests Britain paid only around £500m more to the EEC budget than it received from it. Until yesterday nobody has disputed that the figure was £1,200m and it was on the basis of that amount that Britain's budget rebate was negotiated.

Both the British commissioners have spoken out vehemently against the new formula. Mr Christopher Tugendhat, who is in charge of running the budget, let his fellow commissioners know that he believed they were "cooking the books".

During bitter exchanges in the Commission meeting he suggested that the new formula was "cheating and tricking".

Mr Ivor Richard, the Social Affairs Commissioner, bitterly resented the fact that the meeting had been called at short notice, at a time when he had to represent the Commission at a council meeting in Athens. He suspected this had been done partly because he would not be able to be present to oppose the new scheme.

The Foreign Office issued a statement saying Britain rejected "this attempt to manipulate the figures. This cannot provide the basis for a solution." It said that for the past four years the size of Britain's net contribution had been calculated by a method acceptable to everyone. The new method was "evidently designed to reduce the apparent size of the burden".

A British diplomat involved in the negotiations said: "We are not going to put up with the system of measurement which redefines the problem away. All these ingenious proposals are designed to make the problem look smaller than it."

The British calculation of its net contribution has so far been based on the simple method of adding the amounts of money it forwards to Brussels each year. The Commission now argues that three other factors have to be taken into account.

The main one concerns agriculture. The Commission says that in a true common market there should be no nationally calculated benefits for export, since the whole Community benefits from them. Therefore it wants to allocate benefits from agricultural exports on the basis of the proportion grown by each country of total Community production.

It argues that administrative costs and benefits should also shared proportionately. The same principle would apply to food aid.

Under the proposals, Belgium, Netherlands and Italy would become net contributors to the budget, with Britain and West Germany. Every other country except France would appear to be worse off. In the words of one Commission official, "that clearly is and absurdity".

● ATHENS: The executive of the Socialist group of the European parliament decided yesterday to back the increase in Community resources proposed by the Greek presidency.

Mr Ernest Glinne, chairman of the group, said: "After hearing the views of our Greek friends, we are in favour of a substantial increase in resources, in conjunction with reforms in the common agricultural policy, in a manner that would enable the Community to launch new policies and ease the process of enlargement."

The socialist group's executive, which met in Athens on Monday and yesterday, decided to hold a congress of the union of Socialist and social-democratic parties in Luxembourg on March 9 and 10 to define a platform for next June's European elections.

The executive yesterday heard an address by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, who called for joint action by the European left against monetarist policies. He also explained his country's position on European political cooperation.



Black on the beat: Mr Edward Koch, the Mayor of New York (left), announcing the appointment of Mr Benjamin Ward, aged 57, the first black Police Commissioner of the city. Mr Ward, at present head of the city's prison service, will take up his post on January 1.

Tension mounts in the Middle East

Hostile soldiers harangue Shamir at front line

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, his Defence Minister, yesterday trial to calm fears of a Middle East war after Syria's decision to mobilize 100,000 reservists.

"I do not see any reason for special concern on our part," said Mr Shamir during a seven-hour tour of Israeli units in occupied Lebanon which took him into binocular range of Syrian positions in the Bekaa Valley. "We have no interest in waging war on anybody, including Syria. And I hope that Syria does not desire at this moment to have a confrontation with us."

In what appeared a deliberate effort to still rumours of an impending conflict, which have been fuelled by the large Israeli call-up exercise, involving tens of thousands of reservists, Mr Arens denied that there were any indications of new Syrian military moves across the tenuous ceasefire line in Lebanon. Under this arrangement, the two armies are now often less than a mile apart.

The helicopter tour was intended to boost morale in the wake of last week's suicide bomb attack in Tyre, which claimed 28 Israeli lives, although officials were quick to emphasize that it had been arranged beforehand. It coincided with a crippling general strike organized by the majority Shia Muslim population of Lebanon in protest against Israeli security policies.

The strike stretched from the Israeli border in the south to the Muslim sector of west Beirut, closing thousands of shops and businesses in what was described as an impressive display of solidarity. It was primarily aimed at demonstrating Lebanese anger at the three-day closure of the Awali River bridges, which effectively partitioned the country after the Tyre disaster.

During the tour, Mr Shamir came face-to-face with the mood of discontent inside Israel's Army about the prospect of a second winter of occupation and the lack of even a provisional date for withdrawal. More than 100 reservists have already been jailed for refusing the serve there.

At a meeting with an armoured unit in a position overlooking the Bekaa, the Prime Minister was questioned by several soldiers about how long the Army was intending to stay. One reservist from a kibbutz then denounced government policy, which was later given wide coverage on Israel radio.

"We should not have come to Lebanon to begin with", the soldier said. "When I am here, I feel as if I were watching a film about Germans occupying Europe or the Russians occupying Afghanistan. I hope that more soldiers will refuse to serve in Lebanon because that will bring pressure on your Government to get us out."

Mr Shamir appeared unmoved by the appeal, replying: "We are not here because we want to be. We are here to assure peace." The criticism of the occupation came after two recent anti-war demonstrations in Israel, one staged by a group called Parents against Silence.

Although Israeli citizens are embittered by the Tyre tragedy, many are delighted at events in northern Lebanon and the neutralizing effect the Palestinian civil war is assumed to have on the strength of the PLO.

In contrast, reports of the vicious fighting have provoked a mood of despair in the occupied territories.

Expert on China to be our man in Peking

Mr Richard Evans, Deputy Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, is to be the next British Ambassador in Peking, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

He will succeed Sir Percy Craddock, who is returning to London at the end of the year as a Deputy Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office in charge of Britain's negotiations with China over Hongkong, and as a special adviser on the talks to Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Evans, who will take up his new post in Peking at the beginning of January, is a Chinese-speaker who has had two previous appointments in the Chinese capital. He was a Third Secretary in the British embassy in 1955 and a First Secretary and Consul in 1962.

He has also served in Berne, Stockholm and Paris.

Israelis climb down on permits

Tel Aviv – A year-old controversy which prevented 120 foreigners from taking up teaching posts in Arab universities in the occupied West Bank, has been settled after the Israelis dropped a requirement that they must sign an undertaking not to support the PLO.

Deserters hold out in siege

Seoul, (Reuter) – Two runaway soldiers armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades shot a man dead and wounded four other people as they held 150 troops and police at bay in a Seoul inn siege.

Police and troops ringing the inn said they could not close in because of the intense fire from the deserters.

Mine blast

Belgrade, (Reuter) – Five miners were killed and 19 injured in a natural gas explosion which shook a pit of the Zenica coal mine in central Yugoslavia.

Border clash

Gaborone (AP) – Soldiers from Botswana and neighboring Zimbabwe clashed briefly yesterday after a 30-man Zimbabwean patrol was surprised amid burning huts by a Botswanian patrol three miles inside Botswana.

Terror claim

Paris (AFP) – An anonymous telephone caller claimed that Nonday's shooting of two Jordanian embassy employees in Athens was carried out by the "Arab Revolutionary Brigades", the same group which said it was responsible for the recent attacks on Jordanian ambassadors in Delhi and Rome.

Luce returns

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs arrived back in London yesterday from Egypt after a fact finding mission for the Prime Minister in the Middle East.

Seamen jailed

Copenhagen, (AFP) – Five Danish seamen, extradited from the US, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from five to six years for trying to smuggle 60 tons of marijuana into America.

Sardine haul

Hamburg (AP) – Thieves have stolen 13 tons of oiled sardines worth about £15,000 from a container shipped from Casablanca.

Paper to close

St Louis (Reuter) – The *St Louis Globe-Democrat* (circulation 284,000) will stop publishing on December 31 due to financial problems, leaving the city with only one major daily newspaper.

Hard-bitten

Paris (AP) – The French postal service has launched a campaign to make the dog-owning public aware that 3,500 postmen are bitten by their pets each year causing 55,000 lost workdays.

Gem of a name

Moscow (AFP) – A giant diamond weighing 95 carats recently found in Yakutsk, north Siberia, was immediately christened "The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Russian Social Democratic Workers party"

Defence tops the Bonn agenda

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Mrs Margret Thatcher, arrived here yesterday evening and immediately began talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl on issues that will dominate this round of the regular Anglo-German consultations. They are the imminent deployment of new Nato missiles, the latest proposals for financing the EEC and the dangerous international situation, in particular Lebanon and Grenada.

Although the Prime Minister has excellent personal rapport with the Chancellor and there are few issues on which they differ, these talks are particularly important in view of the controversy in both countries over missile deployment, Britain's insistence on a solution to its demand for a change in its Community budget contributions and the strains the American invasion of Grenada imposed on both countries' relations with Washington.

She has brought a large team with her, including Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary.

Defence will dominate the consultations. Dr Kohl faces tough opposition to deployment in West Germany, and will want to discuss with Mrs Thatcher the dwindling prospects for last-minute agreement in Geneva as well as the likelihood of the Russians' leaving the negotiations.

His Government, especially Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, is keen to get British endorsment of its attempt to keep bridges open to the East, and was heartened by Mrs Thatcher's recent public support for continued dialogue with the Russians.

The Chancellor will also go into detail about an issue that has loomed large in poliical argument here and in Britain recently, that of the "dual key" system on missiles. West Germany does not have the same arrangements with the Americans over the control of nuclear weapons, and powerful figures on both the left and right have begun to suggest that Bonn should press Washington for something similar.

Several Social Democrats have called for a West German right of veto over the use of any new American missiles based here, and have cited the British example. But Herr Manfred Wörner, the Defence Minister, recently insisted that his country, which has renounced nuclear weapons by treaty, did not want to alter the present consultation mechanism with Washington. Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SPD leader, has also expressed doubts about the need for a dual key.

Mrs Thatcher will dwell especially on her insistence on a real reform of the EEC budget. She is likely to make it plain to Dr Kohl her opposition to the latest European Commission's proposals on Britain's contribution, and she will lobby him hard on the need to cut back agricultural spending. Both Britain and West Germany are large net contributors to the community

On Grenada, Dr Kohl has been put under great strain by the invasion which has stirred up sharp reactions here. Under pressure from Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, he has retreated somewhat from the Government's early condemnation. But he made clear to Mr Kenneth Dam, the State Department official who came here from London to brief him on the crisis, his anger at the lack of consultation.

Trudeau's mission of peace

From Roger Beardwood Paris

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, arrived here yesterday to start a round of talks with European leaders about his plan to reduce East-West tensions and the world's nuclear arsenal. His lunch with President Mitterrand at the Elysée Palace was somewhat overshadowed, however, by his host's preoccupation with events in the Middle East and the official visit to France of President Bendjedid Chadli of Algeria the first by an Algerian head of state since independence from France in 1962.

Although talks between Mr Trudeau and Mr Mitterrand were cordial, the latter is wary of any initiative which might include France's independent nuclear deterrent in US-Soviet negotiations over arms reductions. The Metterrand Government's view, often repeated, is that French nuclear weapons, and by implication, British ones, are a separate, if related, issue.

Mr Trudeau who meets Mrs Thatcher in London on Friday, flew from Paris to The Hague for dinner with Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister.

● OTTAWA: The 64-year-old Canadian leader is conducting his crusade for East-West understanding in what could be his last year in office (John Best reports).

A federal election is expected here towards the end of 1984. Mr Trudeau, who has been Prime Minister for nearly 15 years, has said he will not run again.

He launched his fact-finding European tour, encouraged by a message from President Reagan, who offered to meet him later to discuss Mr Trudeau's peace initiative.

The Prime Minister has given no details of how he intends to improve East-West relations, although he may visit Moscow and Washington after his European trip. He has set up a taskforce of bureaucrats to work on more concrete proposals.

Mr Trudeau has repeatedly expressed alarm at the deteriorating international situation. In a speech at Guelph, Ontario, two weeks ago, he talked about an "ominous rhythm of crisis" between East and West.

Mr Trudeau will also visit Belgium, Italy and West Germany this week.

Syria pressed by Gulf envoys to save PLO

Damascus (Reuter) – Three Gulf state envoys arrived here yesterday to plead with President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria to help to stop the fighting between rival factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization in northern Lebanon.

The official Syrian news agency Sana said the envoys, from Qatar and Kuwait, were met by Mr Abdul-Halim Khaddam, the Foreign Minister. Officials said they were expected to meet President Assad later.

The envoys flew to Damascus as Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels intensified their assault on the beseiged PLO leader Mr Yassir Arafat and his loyalist forces in the north Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Shaikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, and Shaikh Ahmad Bin Saif al-Thani, Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, were sent by six Gulf heads of state who began three days of summit talks in Doha on Monday. They were accompanied by Mr Ahmad Bin Hamad al-Atayyah, the Qatari Ambassador to Kuwait.

● DOHA: The leaders of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab emirates met earlier to decide the composition of the mission aimed at helping to ease pressure on Mr Arafat (Reuter reports).

They decided to send envoys to Syria after a senior Arafat aide, Mr Khalad al-Hassan, briefed them on the fighting.

The official Qatari news agency said they contacted the embattled PLO leader on Monday but gave no details. It said the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council, also here for the summit, met early yesterdy to discuss the situation.

The Gulf leaders have given firm backing to Mr Arafat since the outbreak of the rebellion six months ago by guerrillas demanding his replacement as PLO chairman and an all-out struggle against Israel.

Officials here said a special Saudi envoy, Mr Abdulaziz Tuweijari, who was in Damascus on Monday, briefed the Gulf leaders yesterday on the outcome of his mission. They gave no details.

Vatican's fear of 'vast' war

Rome (AP) – The Vatican, reacting to an appeal for solidarity from Mr Yassir Arafat, the besieged PLO leader, said yesterday that it feared war could break out "on a vast scale" in the Middle East.

In a statement, the Vatican also urged warring Palestinian factions to put an end to their "fratricidal struggle".

A PLO spokesman in Rome said the Vatican's action was a very important response and a "positive" message.

Describing fighting in Lebanon as "interlinked rings of a tragic chain of violence", the statement expressed the Vatican's "deep concern over the threatening events in Lebanon and the Middle East".

● CAIRO: Egypt yesterday ruled out giving refuge to Palestinian refugees forced out of Lebanon by the fighting; saying that to do so would help liquidate the Palestinian cause (Robert Holloway writes).

● PARIS: M Claude Cheysson, the French External Relations Minister, said that survival of the PLO was necessary if peace was to be achieved in the Middle East (Reuter reports). In a speech to the National Assembly during a budget debate, M Cheysson appealed for an end to the fighting.

● LOS ANGELES: Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli Defence Minister, said that Syria was behind the suicide bomb attack on the US Marine compound in Beirut and he was astonished the United States had not retaliated (Reuter reports).

Socialists forge a link

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Contacts between Greek and Israeli Socialists were established for the first time yesterday when three officials of the international department of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) met Dr Avram Rozinker, international secretary of Mapam, the Israeli Socialist Party.

The meeting in the Greek Foreign Ministry, lasted one and a half hours. Dr Rozinker who had taken the initiative for it, explained his party's views on the Middle East war and the Palestinian question. The two sides agreed to continue these exchanges.

The Greek Government has been resisting pressures within the EEC to extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel.



Capitol offence: Police and fire engines outside the Senate after the explosion.

Security shake-up after Capitol blast

From Bailey Morris, Washington

House and Senate leaders met in closed caucus sessions yesterday to discuss a comprehensive programme of new security measures after the explosion of a powerful bomb outside the Senate chambers of the Capitol late on Monday night.

The explosion, in which no one was injured, was the second breach of security at the 183-year-old Capitol building in less than a month.

It followed an incident in which 161 members of the House narrowly escaped injury when a young Israeli tourist walked undetected into the public gallery with a bomb strapped to his chest. The bomb was improperly wired and failed go off.

The explosion on Monday occurred at about 11pm when the Senate had been scheduled to be in a late-night session on the Defence Appropriations Bill. Police believe it was caused by sticks of dynamite placed on the second floor.

An unidentified caller phoned the *Washington Post* minutes before the bomb went off to claim credit for the explosion on behalf of a group calling itself the Armed Resistance Unit which wanted to protest against US military aggression in Grenada and Lebanon.

The blast, sounding much like a sonic boom or clap of thunder, caused extensive damage to the Mansfield Room which is used for special Senate conferences and receptions and had, in fact, been used for a party on Monday night which broke up at about 8pm.

In addition, there was damage to the office of the Senate minority leader, Mr Robert Byrd

Iraq accused of using chemicals

New York (Reuter) – Iran has accused Iraq of repeatedly using chemical weapons during recent fighting in their three-year-old Gulf War and asked the United Nations to look into the charge.

The accusations are contained in a letter to the UN Secretary-General, asking hinm to "examine the medical and military evidence of the chemical weapons employed by the Iraqi forces of aggression".

Rifkind finds Botha elated by vote

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, left Johannesburg last night after a three-nation familarization tour of southern Africa. It was the first visit to South Africa by a British minister in three years.

He told a press conference before his departure, that he had found little echo in his talks with South African ministers of recent harsh criticism here of British "meddling" in South African affairs.

During the campaign for last week's referendum on the new constitution, both Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, and Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, criticized Mrs Margaret Thatcher, for restating British opposition to apartheid in a letter to a Tory MP.

The big "yes" vote in the referendum appears to have mellowed South African attitudes. Mr Rifkind found South African ministers surprised by the size of the majority. Several expressed the view that the Government would now need "to take less account of right-wing opinion".

Britain had noted Mr Botha's description of the referendum result as a vote for "evolutionary reform", and would "wait and see" what that meant in practice, Mr Rifkind added.

Little of substance seems to have been achieved by Mr Rifkind's visit. No basic positions have changed. In a long session with Mr Pik Botha on Monday, Mr Rifkind stated the British view that the removal of Cuban troops from Angola should not be made "a formal pre-condition for Namibian independence".

The South African position remains that Cuban withdrawal must be part of Namibian settlement. Mr Rifkind had the impression that the South Africans wanted this more for domestic political reasons – to sweeten the loss of Namibia (South West Africa) – than for the strictly security reasons they profess publicly.

Arms waste deplored by American official

Rome (AP) – John Block, the US Secretary of Agriculture, yesterday said that the nations of the world are spending too much money on armaments at the expense of food assistance to developing countries. Mr Block also announced that the US would provide $50m (£33m) in direct emergency food aid to drought-stricken African countries, twice the amount originally planned. He is in Rome for the UN food and Agriculture Organization's biennial conference.

In his address Mr Block reaffirmed the US commitment to aiding international food programmes, but added: "The answer to the world's food problems does not lie in the US, we could not single-handedly feed the world."

Later he told a press conference, replying to a question about arms spendings: "In the workd today, we are spending too much money on arms relative to food and assistance of other kinds." he added that this applied not just to the US, but to the world as a whole.

Mr Block added a warning: "A strong US commitment to technical assistance and food aid is essential, but it will not end hunger and malnutrition."

The second in a series of public announcements.

Privatising British Telecom: a time to deal in facts, not fears.

The privatising of British Telecom has stirred up political controversy. Leaving the political issue aside, there is now an urgent need to clarify the points below in the interests of truth and the customer.

Q. Is it a case of public service versus private profit?

A. No. In a competitive world, profit comes only from giving customers what they want, efficiently. The drive for profit, therefore, must be good for the customer.
As a Public Limited Company, with innovative technical and human resources and freed from Government control, British Telecom must be encouraged to become a major force in tomorrow's world of telecommunications. Anything less will be bad for British industry and the nation.

Q. Can foreign shareholders take control of British Telecom?

A. No. There will be a strict ceiling on the shareholding of any individual or group of individual shareholders, even within this country. And the Government will hold the largest number of shares. Even a UK takeover, let alone a foreign takeover, will be impossible.
Many good opportunities for business growth lie in overseas markets. If shares are quoted on foreign stock exchanges it will aid our prospects of competing in those countries.

Q. Is it true that residential 'phone charges will shoot up, that rural, emergency services and many kiosks will be cut back? And that services for the disabled will be abandoned?

A. No. British Telecom is fully committed to maintain these services. In any case, the Licence under which British Telecom will operate is a legal safeguard of all services for which there is reasonable public demand.
With regard to residential charges, the Licence specifically relates increases to the Retail Price Index.

This is the first time in British history that the provision of many telecommunications services will be required by law – a far stronger safeguard than has previously existed.
British Telecom is already one of the most technologically advanced telecommunications systems in the world. It has every intention of going on getting better and adapting to compete in the world market-place.
We shall always have the interests of you, our customer, at the forefront of our thinking.

British TELECOM **Keeping the customer informed.**

Evren's welcome for Ozal dispels fears of crisis in Turkey

From Rasit Gurdilek and Edward Mortimer, Ankara

Fears of a crisis after Sunday's general election were dispelled yesterday when President Kenan Evren received the leader of the winning party, Mr Turgut Ozal and effectively proclaimed him Prime Minister designate.

The President, who just before the poll had publicly accused Mr Ozal of trying to steal the credit for all the military regime's accomplishments and making false promises to the electorate, now congratulated him on his success and said it was in the interest of governmental stability that one party should have an overall majority and form the Government on its own.

The official election result will be announced later in the week, and the new Parliament will meet 10 days after that. Only then will the President formally invite Mr Ozal to form a government.

Yesterday Mr Ozal refused to be drawn on the composition of his Cabinet, but press speculation on this subject is already rife, with several newspapers naming the ambassador in London, Mr Rahmi Gumrukcuoglu, as a likely Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr Gumrukcuoglu, a career diplomat, is best known as an expert on foreign trade.

The Foreign Minister in the outgoing government, Mr Ilter Turkmen, was named Turkey's permanent representative at the United Nations office in Geneva, a surprisingly low level appointment for a man who held top diplomatic posts before being called to the Foreign Ministry by the military regime.

The unofficial final result of the election gives Mr Ozal's Motherland Party 45 per cent of the popular vote and 212 of the 400 seats in Parliament, one of which will remain vacant because of an earlier veto of one of his candidates by the regime. He will, therefore, have an overall majority of 23.

The runner-up is the left-of-centre Populist Party, led by Mr Necdet Calp, which also did surprisingly well in obtaining 117 seats, while the officially-backed Nationalist Democracy Party won only 71.

Speaking to the press before their 35-minute meeting, both the President and Mr Ozal emphasized that the election result and the high turnout of more than 92 per cent were in themselves the best reply to "ill-intentioned press speculation", and proved the nations attachment to democracy.

Voting was compulsory on pain of a fine of 2,500 lira (about £7).

As an example of the foreign media's bad faith, Mr Evren complained that his meeting with fellow members of the ruling National Security Council on Sunday, which he said was to discuss matters related to the budget, had been deliberately misconstrued as a panic reaction to the election result.

Mr Ozal denied that the possible participation in next year's local elections of parties disqualified from the general election would pose any problems for his party.

Turkey would continue its Western-oriented foreign policy, he added in reply to another question. "But we shall be more active in our foreign relations". In other words Turkey could be expected to "bargain harder".

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Kiss and make up: President Evren greeting Mr Turgut Ozal, the man he opposed before the poll.

Grenada: After the war was over . . .

Beach party: American soldiers carrying their clothes and arms up the beach near Point Salines after a swim.

An old hand brushes up his parliament

From Trevor Fishlock, St George's, Grenada

Mr Curtis Strachan is dusting his ceremonial wig and brushing his gown. As Clerk of the suspended legislature of Grenada he has been ordered to revive it as quickly as possible. "I cannot tell you how excited I feel," he said yesterday. "My first love is parliament and I always dreamed it would come back some day."

He has ordered the cleaning and restoration of the derelict legislature chamber in an eighteenth-century colonial building overlooking the harbour in St George's. The Speaker's chair, a gift from Britain, the large horseshoe-shaped table and a red carpet all need polishing and repairing.

Hansard reporters and clerks are being recruited. The two maces, one for the 15-member House of Representatives and one for the 13-member Senate, are being retrieved from a strong-room.

Mr Strachan, aged 57, is brushing up by reading a battered 1964 edition of Erskine May, the bible of parliamentary procedure. He has been Clerk of the Grenada legislature since 1959. He served on attachment to the British House of Commons in 1962 and worked at the clerks' table in the Commons in 1969.

The Grenada legislature last met in February 1979, before Maurice Bishop seized power from the eccentric Sir Eric Gairy. Since then the chamber has been used for training civil servants and for cricket and football club meetings and its furnishings have fallen into disrepair.

Mr Strachan put his wig, gown and neck bands into a cupboard and continued to work for the Government as a civil servant during the revolutionary period. "I'm a strong believer in the parliamentary system," he said with a smile "and it is great to be getting back to it."

The legal system continued to operate under the Bishop government. The assizes were sitting on in the old, dark wooden courthouse on October 19, the day Bishop and others were killed. Because of the turmoil in the capital, the court adjourned. It will sit again in February.

Confusion in Soviet press over leadership

From Richard Owen Moscow

Pravda and *Izvestiya* yesterday carried prominent photographs of President Andropov's portrait being carried aloft in Monday's Red Square parade, but they were missing from some other papers, reflecting apparent confusion in the state-controlled press over the leadership question.

All papers had photographs of the Politburo and military leaders on top of the Lenin Mausoleum on their front pages, with the texts of speeches by Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, and Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister.

The official Party and Government organs, *Pravda* and *Izvestiya*, however, featured an enlarged picture of Mr Andropov sitting looking alert and purposeful. This seemed intended to compensate for his absence from the mausoleum line-up – an unprecedented event – and to underline that his spirit hung over the parade even if he was not there in person.

Other papers used general crowd scenes, with portraits of Marx, Engels and Lenin. *Red Star*, the armed forces paper, had front-page pictures of troops and armour passing a giant portrait of Lenin. *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, perversely, had a photograph of Mr Mikhail Solomontsev, the candidate Politburo member who was awarded the Order of Lenin on his seventieth birthday.

Kremlinology, an inexact science with no claims to infallibility, has come into its own again in Moscow, with diplomats and journalists scouring publications for clues to leadership shifts. The *Pravda* and *Izvestiya* photographs appeared to have been sharpened so that Mr Andropov'v features were clearly visible.

The photograph of the Politburo, spread across the top of all front pages, showed Mr Konstantin Chernenko standing in Mr Andropov's place, to the right of Marshal Ustinov, but the point was not stressed in accompanying articles, which listed the Politburo in alphabetical order.

Of the three "young turks" now manoeuvring for the succession – whether imminent or eventual – Mr Grigoriy Romanov is held by some observers to have the edge since, unlike Mr Geidar Aliyev, he is a powerful Central Committee secretary as well as a full Politburo member. Mr Mikhail Gorbachov also holds both posts, but is much younger at 52.

There were no indications yesterday from officials or the press of Mr Andropov's state of health. There are reports that he had had a kidney operation. Other reports speak of heart and circulatory diseases.

Assault claimed by Muzorewa's son

Harare (Reuter, AP) – A son of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the detained former Prime Minister, has been released after spending a day in custody.

Mr Philemon Muzorewa, aged 26, said yesterday that Zimbabwean special agents had "threatened, warned and assaulted" him for several hours before releasing him on Monday night. He said he was not badly injured. "I think they just wanted to shake me up and shut me up", he said. "But I don't care."

He said he had been told he had angered the authorities by telling journalists he feared some members of the Government wanted to kill his father.

He would continue campaigning for the release of his father, who was arrested under emergency powers eight days ago for suspected subversive activities.

The bishop's United African National Council party said the former Prime Minister was continuing the hunger strike he began on the day of his detention.

Mr Edward Mazaiwana, the party's general secretary, said the bishop was visited in prison on Monday by a doctor who reported he was fit despite his hunger strike.

Mr Emmerson Munangagwa, the Security Minister said: "If he wants to be released because he's on hunger strike it's not on." He added that Bishop Muzorewa might be force-fed.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has accused Bishop Muzorewa of plotting against his Government in alliance with South Africa and Israel. The Bishop was seized shortly after returning from a six-week visit to Israel which he said was for biblical studies.

Another minority opposition leader, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, was also warned over the weekend not to conspire against the Government.

In a statement yesterday he accused Mr Mugabe of a witch hunt aimed at turning Zimbabwe into a one-party state, and challenged the Prime Minister to bring him before courts and charge him with the "clandestine activities" Mr Mugabe has accused him of

The Reverend Sithole, who claimed that his detention by Mr Mugabe's Government was "imminent", called for Mr Mugabe and the editor of *The Herald*, the country's leading newspaper, to prove "baseless and wild allegations" that he was organizing secret subversive meetings around the country.

The Herald, which is controlled by the state-owned Mass Media Trust, supported the accusations made by Mr Mugabe at the weekend that the Reverend Sithole, whose Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) holds no seats in Parliament, was "engaging in subversive activity".

Meanwhile the detention of a senior aide of Mr Joshua Nkomo, the opposition leader was ruled to be illegal by the high court yesterday. It ordered the release of Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, aged 43, who had been held under emergency powers without trial since being acquitted of treason charges last April.

Poland plans amnesty at Christmas

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

The Polish Government is planning a conciliatory gesture to the fugitive Solidarity leaders in the form of a Christmas amnesty, informed sources disclosed yesterday.

An amnesty allowing underground leaders to surrender without fear of prosecution ran out on October 31, leaving the Solidarity opposition in some confusion about what will happen to them if arrested.

The new amnesty proposal is being considered by two parliamentary committees and the next session of Parliament is expected to pass it into law. The idea is for the amnesty to run until January 1 though it is not clear whether it will have retroactive effect for people detained since October 31.

The move, one official says, reflects Government confidence about the depleted condition of the underground opposition

Although more than 16,000 people are officially said to have benefited from the lapsed amnesty since it was declared in July – with reduced prison terms, the dropping of investigations as well as actual release – the most politically sensitive issues have yet to be solved.

The four dissident advisers of Solidarity and seven former leaders are still facing trial and show no signs of any desire to take up an offer to emigrate. A show trial would obviously not improve the public mood and it might lead to the collapse or delay of the debt rescheduling talks with the West.

Americans back down on mass grave claim

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Embarrassed State Department officials yesterday backed off from a formal statement that the United States had found a mass grave in Grenada and said it was checking rumours of possible grave sites.

The confusion arose following a statement by Mr John Hughes, the chief State Department spokesman, at his daily conference on Monday. Mr Hughes then told reporters that a mass grave "containing 100 to 150 people" had been found and United States specialists were trying to determine if the body of Mr Maurice Bishop, the former Minister, was in it.

But American officials in Grenada denied that a mass grave had been found and within a few hours of Mr Hughes' statement, the State Department issued a retraction.

It said: "The Department is deferring to United States representatives in Grenada who have indicated that they are checking out local rumours of possible grave sites. But at this point neither they nor we can confirm the existence of any such sites."

A State Department official refused to say how the confusion had occurred.

Meanwhile, members of a bipartisan House of Representatives fact-finding mission have returned from Grenada and are reporting to Mr Thomas O'Neill, the Democratic Speaker of the House.

Mr Thomas Foley, a Democratic Representative from Washington state, head of the 14-member delegation, told reporters that the tension and unrest after the assassination of Mr Bishop, had left Americans in the island in danger.

"We have no evidence of any direct threat" to the lives of Americans, he said but the island was under extreme tension. "There is, in fact, no Government in effect following the assassination of Maurice Bishop."

Mr Foley refused to make any judgment on whether President Reagan was right to order the invasion of the island. Several other members of the delegation believed the President's intervention was justified.

Outlining the delegation's findings, Mr Foley noted that many Grenadians had refused to use the word "invasion" arguing that it should, as President Reagan has said, be called a "rescue mission".

He said the delegation also concluded that the American military performed its mission well and everyone involved "feels a great sense of pride in the forces that landed". US forces actually took greater casualties themselves in an effort to protect Grenadian civilians.

Commenting on speculative reports that some Americans are missing in Grenada, the State Department said US consular officers were visiting smaller villages around the island in case this were so.

All the medical students in Grenada had been accounted for. The total number of Americans evacuated until last Thursday was 603 and there had been no US civilian casualties.

Spanish poll rekindles coup fears

From Richard Wigg Madrid

A group of naval officers have indicated in an opinion poll that they would support a coup if terrorism in Spain continued to escalate.

The Defence Ministry yesterday launched an inquiry into the poll, which disclosed that a third of the officers interviewed would favour intervention by the armed forces.

Señor Narcis Serra, the Socialist Defence Minister, ordered the investigation after *Diario 16*, the liberal Madrid daily, published the poll results on Monday.

The findings embarrassed Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, who assured Austrian MPs in Vienna on the same day that there were no coup risks in Spain.

The navy poll, ordered for internal use after last month's killing of an army captain in Bilbao, showed that a further 37 per cent would excuse such interference, while not advocating it themselves.

The inquiry will try to establish how the navy came to formulate such a question and whether the answers refer only to the Basque terrorist problem or a full-scale takeover of the country.

In a critical editorial, *Diario 16* yesterday argued it was one thing to have an efficient intelligence service watching groups favouring an armed takeover and another to permit the periodic submission of Spain's constitution to a kind of restricted pseudo-plebiscite.

What is again at issue is the armed forces' right, as some kind of independent power, to judge the state of the nation.

Montevideo denounced by Amnesty

By Our Foreign Staff

Amnesty International yesterday called on Uruguay to free prisoners of conscience and provide details of the fate of Uruguayans reported to have disappeared at home or in neighbouring Argentina.

The human rights organization urged the authorities in Montevideo to punish those involved in kidnapping and disappearances. Uruguay should also intercede with Buenos Aires to ensure that a full investigation was made into the whereabouts of missing Uruguayans.

Amnesty said it was concerned at the authorities' failure to take effective action to discover the fate of 120 Uruguayans, including seven children, who disappeared after being kidnapped in Argentina between 1974 and 1979.

An Amnesty delegation sent to Montevideo in April concluded that serious violations of human rights are continuing in Uruguay.

The report said Amnesty had collected information "which provides a consistent and coherent picture of the torture of detainees after arrest". Methods included severe beatings, electric shocks to sensitive parts of the body, and near asphyxiation by submersion in water tanks.

There were "disturbing reports of the forcible injection of powerful psychotropic drugs".

A total of 150 prisoners, on whose behalf Amnesty had been working, appeared to have been arrested for trade union activities or alleged links with the Communist Party.

Human Rights Violations in Uruguay, Amnesty International, British Section, 5 Roberts Place, EC1 0EJ, £2.

A two-horse race for Ecuador

By Colin Harding

The Ecuadorean presidential election campaign, which opened last week, looks like being a two-horse race between the candidates of the right and centre-left.

There are eight contenders for the polling on January 29, but only Señor León Febres Cordero, a right-wing businessman backed by a seven-party coalition, and Señor Rodrigo Borja, leader of the Izquierda Democrática (Democratic Left) Party, appear to have much chance of contesting the final run-off in May next year.

In 1979, in Ecuador's first democratic elections after seven years of military rule, the right-wing candidate, Señor Sixto Durán Ballén, was soundly beaten. The victor then was a young populist, Señor Jaime Roldós Aguilera, who promised sweeping reforms and redistribution of Ecuador's oil wealth. However, he was killed in a mysterious air crash two years later, and his place was taken by the present incumbent, Señor Osvaldo Hurtado Larrea, who was then Vice-President.

Hurtado: Unstable majority in Congress

President Hurtado, an able young Christian Democrat, has not enjoyed an easy ride, with dwindling oil revenues and an unstable majority in the single-chamber Congress to contend with. His party's candidate this time, Señor Julio César Trujillo, is not expected to do well.

Señor Febres Cordero, aged 52, an industrialist, is a formidable candidate, whose achievement has been to unite the disparate forces of the Ecuadorean right into a National Reconstruction Front, with a platform of free market economics.

Señor Borja, 47, a lawyer, is the leader of Ecuador's best-organized party, but his candidacy has been weakened by his failure to win the support of the late President Roldós's party. Opinion polls put Señor Febres Cordero slightly ahead.

As one of the smaller members of Opec, Ecuador is suffering from falling oil revenues and heavy debts contracted during the years of prosperity in the mid-1970s. In this climate, Señor Febres Cordero's promises of national salvation through austerity might strike a chord with the 2.4 million voters.

Namibia soldiers 'roasted peasant'

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A peasant from the Kavango district of northern Namibia (South West Africa) was roasted over a fire by two Bushmen soldiers of the South West Africa Territory Force (SWATF), a white Namibian politician has alleged.

The victim, Mr Ndara Kapitango, aged 63, had to have his right arm amputated as a result of the torture and is still being treated in hospital for leg burns, according to Mr Hans Rohr, the leader of the Namibian Christian Democratic Party, one of the myriad small parties in the South African-occupied territory.

Mr Rohr made the allegations at a press conference last weekend at the Namibian copper-mining centre of Tsumeb, details of which have only now been published.

The SWATF is commanded by whites, but the rank and file are recruited from local blacks by the South Africans

Also at the press conference with Mr Rohr were five Namibian blacks who alleged they had been blindfolded, beaten with a spade and given electric shocks while being held by members of a police counter-insurgency unit popularly known as the Koevoet, Afrikaans for "crowbar". It is recruited in much the same way as the SWATF.

Asked for comment, the South African Defence Force said it was prepared to investigate any complaint submitted "through normal channels".

Andalusian land reform

Socialists go for a compromise

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

In the first attempt since before the civil war to tackle the land problem, the Spanish Socialists envisage compulsory cultivation by cooperatives of neglected big private estates and a progressive tax on underworked land in an agrarian reform Bill just worked out for Andalusia.

The traditionally most explosive issue of property and expropriation has been given second place with a new emphasis on the full use of both private and public lands. This is a compromise favoured by Señor Carlos Romero, the Agriculture Miniser, and Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, who is himself and Andalusian. The approach has been adopted after months of difficult negotiations with the Andalusian Socialist regional Government.

Full understanding over the transfer of powers exercised until now by the Madrid-based Agrarian Reform and Development Institute has still not been achieved. But the central Government will be funding almost all the 50,000m pesetas (more than £227m) for implementing the first year of the programme.

Señor Manuel Manaute, Andalusia's Agriculture Minister, aged 39, a farmer's son and an expert in cooperatives, began a series of meetings this week with representatives of Andalusia's big landowners and the landless day-labourers in an attempt to persuade them to collaborate and start the programme in the new year.

At a specially held ceremony in an Andaluçian country town televised recently Señor Rafael Escuredo, the Socialist Chief Minister, put the emphasis on that part of the programme beginning on the estates formerly owned by Rumasa, Spain's largest private conglomerate expropriated by the Madrid Government last February.

Rumasa formerly had more than 30 landholdings in Andaluçia, including an estate of more than 38,000 acres incorporating two municipalities purchased from a Spanish noble family in 1973.

More than half Andaluçia's productive land is made up of big estates which represent less than two per cent of all family holdings.

The Reform Bill, to go before the Socialist-dominated regional Parliament this month, includes a provision for expropriation in "grave cases of social necessity". The Chief Minister indicated, however, that his Government will be applying more vigorously the 1979 Agricultural law, introduced by the Central Democrats, which requires obligatory improvement of neglected land.

The programme was launched against the background of last summer's 600-mile march through Andaluçia by thousands of landless labourers and the occupation of big estates chosen because their absentee landlords failed to cultivate them adequately.

The Andaluçian organization, in a first reaction, warned the region that capital might flee and go elsewhere in Spain. Both the Communist-run Agriculture Unions and the Land Labourer's Union run by Señor Francisco Casero have condemned the Bill as failing to meet the centuries-old land hunger problem.

China to build 50 hotels

From Richard Hughes, Hongkong

Expecting a big increase in tourism, China has approved a 1983-85 plan to build 50 hotels

An Hotel and Building Expo will be held at Canton's Foreign Trade Centre from March 6 to 10 for discussions between visiting foreign architects and hotel caterers and Chinese officials.

The total cost of the 1983-85 plan has not been announced but Guangdong province (neighbouring Hongkong) has already signed contracts worth £440m fot tourist accommodation and facilities.

Last year Canton and Guangdong province attracted more than one million tourists – an increase of 12 per cent over 1981.

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£ 7,000	£ 67·08	£20,000	£191·67
£ 8,000	£ 76·67	£21,000	£201·25
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INTEREST

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5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable, upon giving notice, and in so doing may specify holding limits above or below which any variation will apply. No variation will apply to a Bond issued before the variation unless the Bondholder agrees to such application.

5.6 Interest on a Bond registered in the sole name of a minor under seven years of age will normally be paid into a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of Income Tax, but it is subject to Income Tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may obtain repayment of a Bond at par before redemption upon giving either three or six calendar months' notice. The amount of interest earned by the Bond from the date of purchase until repayment will be determined by the period of notice given by the Bondholder and by whether or not repayment takes place before the first anniversary of purchase.

	3 months' notice of repayment	6 months' notice of repayment
Repayment before the first anniversary of purchase	No interest in respect of any period	Interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date of repayment
Repayment on or after the first anniversary of purchase	Interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date the notice of repayment is received at the Bonds and Stock Office	Interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date of repayment

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6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accompanied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

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Gandhi women locked in unseemly family feud over Sanjay's son

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, was yesterday accused of neglecting and exploiting her grandson, the child of her late younger son, Sanjay, whose inheritance is the subject of an unseemly dispute in the Delhi High Court.

The ill feeling between the two widows, the Prime Minister, and Mrs Maneka Gandhi, her daughter-in-law, is getting wide publicity here. The spectacle of distinguished people unable to run their lives without recourse to litigation is one of universal appeal.

Mrs Gandhi is intervening in the application of her daughter-in-law for powers to administrate Sanjay's estate. But yesterday, the younger Mrs Gandhi hit back. She is president of a new opposition party, the Rashtriya Sanjay Manch, or National Sanjay Platform, and is using every opportunity to bring the in-



Mrs Maneka Gandhi: The mother-in-law's scourge

adequacies of her mother-in-law to public notice.

Mrs Maneka Gandhi said her son's grandmother had not helped the child in any way, or given him anything, in spite of her considerable income. "Instead, she has chosen to file frivolous objections to delay the grant of probate," the yonger Mrs Gandhi said. She insisted that the Prime Minister was abusing her powers against an orphaned child and his widowed mother.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had complained to the court that visits of her grandson, Feroz Yarun Gandhi, had been curtailed since he left her house. But Mrs Maneka Gandhi said this was done because the child was being placed in undersirable situtiions, likely to cause him distress.

"He was being used only for political publicity by his grandmother," she said. The child was being exploited instead loved.

She also alleged that the Prime Minister, who was administering the joint family property, had not paid any money for the education, maintenance and welfare of the child. Sanjay's accounts had been frozen after his death in an air crash in 1980.

The case is likely to continue for some time, with the next session at the end of next week.

Assam blast raises security fears

Delhi (Reuter) – A bomb explosion in Assam which killed at least 17 people and injured 60, has raised fears for the security of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who is due to visit the area on Friday and Saturday.

The explosion on Monday night at the main railway station in the state capital Gauhati was the worst act of violence in the turblent state since February when 3,000 people died

The Press Trust of India said that two organizations closely involved in the anti-immigrant campaign – the All Assam Students' Union and the Assam People's Revolutionary Council – decided yesterday to call a road blockade during Mrs Gandhi's visit.

23,000 on guard for Reagan in Tokyo

From Richard Hanson
Tokyo

President Ronald Reagan arrives in Japan today for talks with Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, under the tightest security seen since the seven-nation Tokyo summit meeting in 1979.

The visit, comes at a time when both leaders face domestic political tests and bilateral relations are strained by economic and trade issues. It now seems certain that the Nakasone will have to dissolve Parliament and call a general election in December.

Given the political considerations, both men will seek as much political gain from the visit as possible. To ensure this, officials in the United States and Japan have worked hard to clear up – or put off – the touchiest of trade and defence issues.

Some 23,000 special police will be mobilized each day in Tokyo.

Mr and Mrs Reagan will stay at the Akasaka Palace

There has been a spate of demonstrations against the Reagan visit but so far none serious. The police last week disclosed that they had captured plans by one radical leftist group to hit at a US military installation outside Tokyo and at the US embassy. Tokyo's Haneda international airport, where the Reagan party will arrive, has been virtually cordoned off.

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Greek MPs ratify US bases deal

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Parliament has ratified by an overwhelming majority the agreement between the United States and Greece authorizing the Americans to continue using their military bases in this country in exchange for substantial US military assistance to Greece.

The vote was taken early yesterday by a show of hands after a heated debate lasting four days. Support for the Bill came from both the Socialist majority, which is committed to removing the foreign bases, and the pro-Western opposition party, New Democracy, which regards them as vital for Greek defence.

The main argument centred on the true meaning of the English word "terminable". The agreement is terminable after five years upon written notice served five months earlier.

The Government argued that the bases would go by the end of 1988. The Opposition, both conservative and Communist, insisted that the agreement left this to the discretion of the Government in power at the time.

Strangely, the pro-Soviet Communist Party which opposed the Bill and demanded that the bases be removed before the next elections in 1985, abstained from voting

Hard labour for teachers on top of detention

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

Three young teachers of a Pakistani university were sentenced yesterday to prison terms from seven to two years with hard labour by a special military court for possessing anti-government literature.

Mr Jamil Omer, a computer science theacher of the Quaid-E-Azam University of Islamabad, and his tow colleagues, Dr Mohammad Saleem and Mr Tariq Ahsan were arrested in November 1981, on charges of conspring to possess objectionable material,

All three were denied bail during the trial which ended last April.

Bandaranaikes keep it in the family

From Donovan Moldrich
Colombo

Mr Anura Bandaranaike, aged 34, whose parents served both as Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition between 1952 and 1977, was unanimously elected Leader of the Opposition yesterday.

He succeeds Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, secretary-general of the Tamil United Liberation Front, who has forfeited his seat in Parliament by his absence

One of Mr Bandaranaik's first acts as Leader of the Opposition was to meet Mr Parathasarathy, the Indian special envoy, who is in Sri Lanka as a mediator over the problems of the Tamil minority.

THE ARTS



Delicate and dashing: Platel, Guizerix

John Percival acclaims Rudolf Nureyev's *Raymonda*, his first production as director of the Ballet of the Paris Opéra

Biggest and best

One of the skills of a good general is choosing the right ground for his battles and the right allies to help fight them. Rudolf Nureyev achieves both in *Raymonda*, his first production as director of the Ballet of the Paris Opéra, and the result is a convincing victory.

There could hardly be a ballet better suited to the combination of his background and the brilliant skills of the dancers he now commands. Besides offering three big leading roles (each cast with four different interpreters for the current run), there are display numbers, both classical and exotic, for more than a dozen soloists, and many ensembles to show the corps de ballet at full stretch.

His first cast is chosen with a sense of the company's past and future. Yvette Chauviré, the greatest French ballerina of this century, has been tempted out of retirement not only to play La Comtesse de Doris, the heroine's guardian, with immense charm and authority, but also to act as Nureyev's assistant for the production. At the other extreme, two young male soloists, Manuel Legris and Laurent Hilaire, are given a show-stopping duo as troubadours paying court to Raymonda's closest friends.

Two of the young stars of the Opéra were given the first-night romantic leads. Elisabeth Platel is a dancer of a shy, delicate beauty that gives radiance to her marvellously assured technique, and her musical phrasing adds light and shade to her dancing. Obviously her performance at this stage of her career does not have the personality that Fonteyn and Plisetskaya have stamped on this role in the past, but it would be silly on that account not to admire a dancer of exceptional gifts who already commands the stage.

Charles Jude, with his exotic good looks, somewhat resembles the young Nureyev, and has added to his always admirable solo dancing a pliancy that recalls the same model. Jean de Brienne, that noble Crusader, can rarely have looked a more natural figure to appear in a young girl's dreams, nor made a more dashing entrance when he arrives in the nick of time to save her from the clutches of a Saracen rival.

Yet Jean Guizerix plays that rival, Abderam; with such power, ardour and mysterious glamour that it seems a shame that the plot dictates his death at the end of Act II. Guizerix, endowed with the physique and the talent that could have made him outstanding as a conventional leading man, has always preferred roles outside the common run, and this one gives him hardly less scope for creating a mysterious and commanding figure than Nureyev's Manfred did four years ago.

With a proper respect for the choreographic genius whose journey from France to Russia preceded his own, in the opposite direction, by just over a century, Nureyev has taken Marius Petipa's surviving choreography from the original 1898 *Raymonda* as his model, using as much of it (especially in the beautiful solos for the women) as he can, and following a complementary style for his own inventions. However, he has greatly elaborated it both from the version he knew in Leningrad and from his own earlier productions of the ballet.

But the choreographic richness, which uses every square metre of the enormous stage at the Opéra, is accompanied by a return to simplicity in the plot, abandoning the psychological reading which Nureyev added when he staged the ballet in Zurich in 1972. The plot is now a little more full than in his 1965 version which the Australian Ballet danced in Birmingham and London, but a good deal more simple than Petipa's, and all the better for that. Also, it is conveyed primarily in dance, without a lot of heavy mime.

Nicholas Georgiadis is the designer, as at Zurich, but there he had to work with limited stage resources. In Paris his imagination has free rein, and his solution is a marvellous collage of elements from medieval manuscripts, paintings and tapestries. It all looks splendidly elaborate but transforms quickly and easily from one scene to another. It is probably his best ballet design: sumptuous but not heavy.

Another strength of the Paris production is the quality of the orchestral playing. Michel Sasson, who conducted the première (he will share the responsibility with Michel Quéval during the run), is quoted in the programme about the extremely varied instrumentation, the nuances and refined contrasts which he found when he worked on the score. He has succeeded in conveying his enthusiasm for Glazunov's music to the orchestra.

For all that, it is as a dance spectacle that *Raymonda* must first and last be judged – and what spectacular dancing it offers. The title part must be one of the most demanding in the classical repertory, with a profusion of solos, each based on a different selection from the technical and stylistic palette, and duets that range from romantic affection to alarm and distress, from playful simplicity to studied grandeur.

The set numbers for Raymonda herself, her two companions (Claude de Vulpian and Monique Loudières in the first cast) and their admirers provide the bravura highlights, but Nureyev's choreography makes the corps de ballet work almost as hard in the two big waltzes of Act I, and of course Act III has the more widely known classic showpiece with its entries for eight couples and the male *pas de quatre* which cannot often have been danced with such a mixture of strength and ease.

All this classical dancing is contrasted with the exotic element provided by Abderam's suite, who offer both Spanish and oriental dances to entertain Raymonda (Nureyev has built up an opportunity to show off Patrick Dupond's virtousity and dazzling personality in this sequence).

The importance of *Raymonda* is that it publicly marks Nureyev's recognition that he has taken over the largest and strongest company of dancers in western Europe, full of talent at all levels but lacking a repertory that makes the most of their gifts. In this production he gives them the sort of display dancing they do best; some of the forthcoming productions will push them to new experiences.

● Further performances tonight, on Friday, November 29 and 30, December 2, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 13.

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THE ARTS

Television

A vivid snap of Luther

Wherever Martin Luther happens to be, and sectarian disagreements seem to have moved in recent years towards a consensus that his ultimate destination was upwards rather than downwards, he must derive considerable satisfaction at the celebrations of his five-hundredth anniversary which are international and multi-media. He and we have come a long way since he nailed those propositions to the castle door.

BBC1 stuck a well-made oar in last night with William Nicholson's *Martin Luther – Heretic*. A dramatized documentary it was called, but it was more a snapshot, though an extremely vivid one. It followed his career from the terrible uncertainties and damnation-clouded days of his early monastic life to the, to some, equally terrible certainties of his maturity. We left him at the point where the Papal Bull condemning him for heresy was being merrily burnt at Wittenberg, his fellow Augustinians were renouncing the more inhibiting vows and some were preparing to take on the new one of matrimony.

Luther took that road, too, of course, and with a Cistercian nun, but this episode of his life was wisely left – perhaps to some future Hollywood blockbuster. Mr Nicholson had the nub of it: the revolt against the corruption of the church and the idea that salvation could be purchased; the return to the revelations of scripture.

Jonathan Pryce has a natural lugubriousness that promises the raw material for a Luther and he added to it conviction and fire where appripriate to achieve a commendable performance. He was well supported. Maurice Denham, as Father Staupitz, made a superb Augustinian Vicar-General, consoling Luther in his early agonies, cautioning him in his later conviction; and David de Keyser made a smooth job of Duke Frederick, Elector of Saxony and protector of Luther.

Clive Swift as the indulgence-selling Dominican Johann Tetzel, Luther's "donkey from Rome", appeared a little inclined towards over-indulgence himself but maybe to recall those days, when death and the devil were near neighbours to all, a brimstone performance was needed.

Mr Nicholson's script was spare and effective and the director, Norman Stone, moved the action on at a pace that made an hour fly. Altogether, nothing to protest about, and a tight little triumph for the producer David M. Thompson.

Dennis Hackett

Theatre

The chessmen of classicism

False Admissions
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Given up for dead so far as the English stage is concerned, French classicism maintains a small flickering flame at this address. The idea seems to be that, while such work undergoes instant rigor mortis when played on the grand scale, some of its nuances and inner life may be preserved under studio conditions. Christopher Fettes's productions of Racine thus met with qualified success: now Mike Alfreds and the Shared Experience team are making a similar approach to Marivaux.

False Admissions is Timberlake Wertenbaker's version of *Les Fausses Confidences* – a work of Marivaux's prime that scored as much with French Revolutionary audiences as it did with its original public in 1737, and has claims as the first French play to admit a marriage that cuts across the social lines. Dorante, an impoverished young gentleman, falls for a banker's young widow, gets himself appointed as her steward and edges himself into her affections with the help of his Figaro-like former valet, Dubois.

In English, at any rate, the title has two meanings. Not only does the plot turn on the false confidences that Dubois feeds to the radiantly gullible Ariminte; it is also he who has complete confidence that the plan will work out. Until the end, Dorante is mouthing nobly self-belittling speeches and admiring her from afar, where Dubois, in his first scene, has already got a clear view of Dorante installed in her bedroom stripped to the buff.

Modern French directors who tangle with Marivaux may feel called upon to make some apology for his relentless concentration on the details of amorous intrigue at the expense of below-stairs life, and even the lovers' off-stage existence. Mr Alfreds betrays no such qualms. What he offers is the theatrical equivalent of a board-game, where nothing counts except the moves across the squared floor. Design is by Paul Dart, whose stage picture consists of contrasted textures of black (satin, watered silk, lacquered chairs) set against two mirrored walls. Characters arrive and quit this box simply according to the requirements of the plot, with no pretence of having any business elsewhere. There is no difference between Dorante the lover, hanging about outside until his mistress has a free moment, and an actor waiting in the wings for a cue.

As always with this company's work, there is a firm stylistic decision, carried out consistently and without the help of a safety net. The sombre visual pastiche is reflected by Ilona Sekacz's echoes of Lully, and by a muted conversational delivery well calculated to highlight the interplay of truth and falsehood. I regret to say it, but I found the result exceptionally tiresome.

It may be a convention in comedies of the Scapin tradition for the quick-thinking valet to be paired with a blockhead master; but, as played by John Price, there seems absolutely no reason for Araminte to fall for Dorante – however often we are assured that such is his godlike physique that no woman can resist him. Also, it is extremely hard to square Dorante's piously virtuous sentiments with the fact that he is always ready to go along with Dubois's trickery. The interesting thing about the tricks themselves is that they consist of psychological tests rather then outright lies, a factor that could do with more emphasis than it gets from Sam Dale's muted con-man.

Holly Wilson's Araminte is a commandingly serpentine figure, all dazzling teeth, arched eyebrows and wrathful returns to banking protocol. There is some interest in seeing such a poised, status-conscious figure writhing in the quicksands of desire; but none in the relationship between such an unappealing pair. I much enjoyed Philip Voss as a suavely helpful uncle whose patience finally runs out.

Marivaux's *Successful Strategies* joins the repertory next week.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Commandingly serpentine: Holly Wilson (left) with Sandra Voe, Nick Dunning and Sam Dale

Just keep trying

The Ballad of Billy Lane
Shaw

The London Borough of Camden inaugurates its control of the Shaw Theatre with a storybook doggerel musical about an Australian communist settement in Paraguay in 1893. Arriving only now from the Edinburgh Fringe, where it must have felt very much at home, it suggests an early start to the pantomime season. But are there enough politically committed Aussie five-year-olds in London to fill the house?

An old narrator in tatty waistcoat and pants enters before each scene, to give its gist and bleed it of its surprise and interest. The verse is his department: "Yes, it promised to be nice, in that workers' paradise".

Billy Lane was a left-wing British journalist, manfully played by wiry Barrie Jaimeson with a limp and horn-rimmed spectacles, who emigrated down under – finding, as he puts it, "in the middle of the journey through my life", not the path to Dante's Inferno as you might expect, but the equally intimidating prospect of Queensland.

Crowd scenes and a great deal of rhubarb-rhubarb whisk the action through the Shearers' Strike, a land boom, slump and starvation. When Alan White, as the narrator, uttered the next Brechtian caption, "Tableau of the people suffering", the first-night audience assumed it was meant as funny and then realized its mistake.

Preaching the charms of Paraguay ("Paradise", repeats the obstinately mishearing mob), Billy takes the happy band to a land of milk and honey where, after happy beginnings, the inevitable occurs.

Mr White, still rhyming relentlessly, finds "Australia" and "failure" coming in useful. Having pushed communism, sexual equality, teetotalism, chastity and exclusion of non-whites through a community meeting on the nod, Billy is faced with infiltrating Paraguayan whores and rum, homesickness and insubordination.

No useful conclusion emerges from the failure of that or a subsequent venture. Atheist Billy is perpetually harangued by the ghost of a Paisleyesque pastor (Gary Lilburn) urging severity and a return to God. But, after showing the incorrigibility of human covetousness, the message seems to be simply "try again".

Suitably enough for George Hutchinson's very basic dialogue and lyrics, Mervyn Drake's music blandly recalls the days before *Oliver!* was thought of – as in the jolly post-interval agricultural chorus in triple time with rakes and hoes waved and dabbed over a bare stage. I must add that, on past form, the Shaw's real Christmas pantomime should be a lot more spectacular.

Anthony Masters

Concerts

Unrelieved exotica

Placido Domingo
Festival Hall

It is not given to every operatic tenor to make his London recital debut cushioned by a full symphony orchestra and chorus and in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales. But, as Placido Domingo admitted just before his sing-along *Traviata* "Brindisi" at the end of Monday's gala concert, he was, after all, the oldest performer on stage.

His partner in the "Libiamo" was Alison Charlton-West, who has been awarded the Royal College of Music Opera Scholarship this year; and proceeds from the concert, given in aid of the Royal Opera House Development Appeal, will also go to the Royal College's Centenary Appeal for, among other facilities, a new opera theatre.

John Graham-Hall, who has frequently sung in the old one, joined Domingo more than creditably in part of Act IV Scene 1 of Verdi's *Macbeth*: we can only hope it will not be the last time they share the same stage. Mr Graham-Hall's is the sort of talent that should be feeding the roots of Covent Garden.

For the rest, it was all the perfumes of Arabia and more, in an evening of unashamed and unrelieved exotica in which the Royal College Symphony Orchestra and Chorus were whipped up by Robin Stapleton into a white heat of showmanship which was a fair match for that of Domingo himself.

The start, at least, of da Gama's aria "O Paradis" from Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine* showed a glimpse of the finesse as well as the forcefulness of Domingo's artistry. But even in the Intermezzo from *Manon Lescaut* priority on Monday was obviously the gallery.

So, after the trumpeting of *Faust's* Kermesse and before the pomp of *Aida*, *Hoffmann's* Kleinzach became a stylish and swaggering concert-piece, reliving in the memory only the detail and focus of Domingo's stage incarnation. Saint-Saëns's *Samson*, though, came into his own, the voice driving, resilient and, as the invisible curtain rose, fiercely exultant.

Hilary Finch

Queffélec/Cooper
St John's/Radio 3

Schumann spotted his first pedal piano in the Leipzig Conservatoire, and quickly set about composing pieces for it. This was as well, for the instrument soon became obsolete and the Six Canonic Studies of 1845 would have passed beyond our ken if later composers had not provided arrangements of them. Bizet made one for piano duet but it was the freer, more imaginative two-piano version by Debussy that Anne Queffélec and Imogen Cooper played on Monday.

The careful discipline of their performances of No 3 to No 6 matched that of this rather contrapuntal music itself, and there was a nicely equalized balance between the instruments. On, next, to Debussy himself, and the far more testing *En Blanc et noir*. Miss Queffélec and Miss Cooper have been appearing together for a considerable time now and their ensemble was beautifully flexible in the outer movements. One was struck by many of the thoughtful nuances.

This is sombre music, however, no matter what the tempo, so Mozart's Sonata K448 brightened things up noticeably. Indeed neither the structural sophistications of the first two movements, where the development sections use material different from that heard in the expositions, nor the minor-key episodes of the concluding Rondo could dim this work's irrepressible gaiety. And it was heightened by the feeling of theatrical excitement which the players brought to this music.

Max Harrison

● The London Sinfonietta's Ravel/Varèse Festival is to include a "Ravel day" at the Royal Opera House on January 8, when most of the composer's chamber music and songs will be performed during the afternoon and evening.

Incisive and confident: details of Raphael's heads of young and old men

Galleries

Drawings by Raphael
British Museum

No doubt it is all the fault of the Pre-Raphaelites, aided and abetted by Ruskin. But somehow, for the last century or so, the idea seems to have been implanted in the British mind that Raphael is something it was good to be pre, whose influence destroyed something which was fine and honest in favour of something more dramatic, flashy and superficial. This is, of course, an unexamined prejudice, but it tends to infect our enjoyment even of works, like the Royal Collection's Raphael Cartoons at the Victoria and Albert, which we meanwhile, just as uncritically, accept to be great.

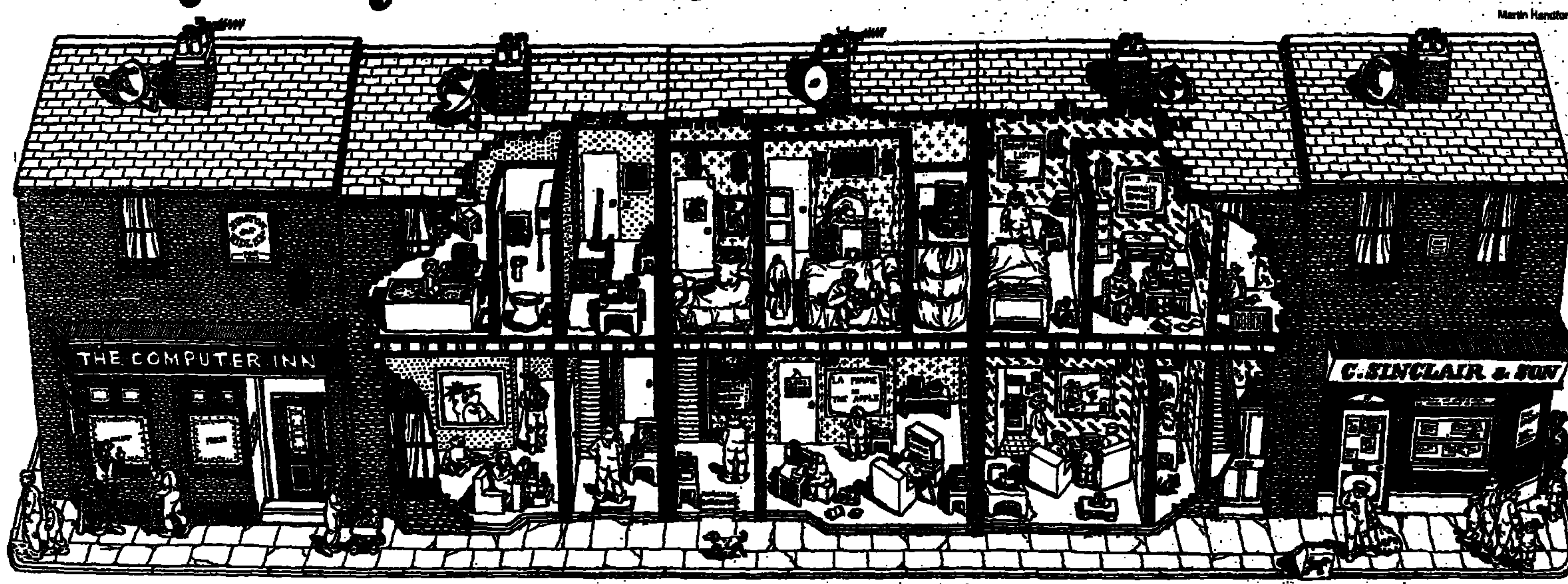
Centenaries – or in this case quincentenaries – are a useful occasion for taking a fresh look and overhauling received opinions. In 1975 the British Museum celebrated Michelangelo's quincentenary by bringing together all his drawings in British collections. Now it does the same, as near as may be (on present attribution 184 drawings out of 186) for Raphael. And, while the splendid catalogue by J. A. Gere and Nicholas Turner (£8.95 and worth every penny) warns us off the obvious comparison between the two artists, it does nevertheless remain inevitable. There is little doubt that Michelangelo is an artist more accessible to modern taste. Possibly we are still bathed in the towering backwash of the Romantic movement, but the notion of the tormented solitary as artist is much easier to respond to than that of the artist who, like Raphael, was highly sociable, amenable to the specific and sometimes capricious requirements of his patrons, and, says Vasari, "lived more like a prince than a painter".

But we must not let ourselves be too affected by prejudice – and, looking round this amazing show at the British Museum until January 15, it will be difficult to hold fast by any sneaking disapproval we may still be inclined to feel. At the very least, Raphael was one of the world's most brilliant artistic technicians. Not only is drawing after drawing executed with an incisiveness and a confidence which silence all objection, but, seeing them as preparatory work rather than as things-in-themselves, it is impossible not to be impressed and fascinated by the way he gradually teases out the right way to make a composition work, how he ruthlessly rejects even the most startling and graphic ideas if they do not sufficiently serve his ultimate purpose.

John Russell Taylor

SPECTRUM

Bye-bye Beeb? Au revoir ITV?



In his second look at the television of tomorrow, Michael Tracey explores the explosion in cable television, starting soon

What will happen to television in the next five years? Who will make it happen? And what will it mean for the BBC and ITV networks and therefore the viewer?

The first and most significant event will take place later this month when franchises are awarded by the Government. They will go to up to 12 of the 37 would-be cable operators who applied by the end of August for a licence to operate this year. These cable pioneers will work under the guidance of the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry until a cable authority is established in mid to late 1984 following legislation to be introduced through the House of Lords this December.

A web of cable will slowly spread to cover mainly urban areas. If you live on the Isle of Rhum or any other rural area don't hold your breath waiting for cable to arrive. You will, however, benefit from the next major development, the start of the BBC's direct broadcast satellite service in 1986, offering a mixed bag of entertainment, sports programming and a film channel for which you will have to pay a subscription.

It is by no means certain, however, that the BBC will start a service, given the enormous cost involved. The corporation has been shaken by the powerful anti-satellite argument put forward by Brenda Maddox in *The Times* (June 23). Inertia may carry the plan along despite the apparent misgivings of many inside the BBC, including some governors.

Whatever happens here, however, it is highly probable that new proprietors in other European countries will launch their own satellites within the next five years whose signals, whether the British Government likes it or not, will spread onto British sovereign territory, in particular from the likes of Axel Springer in Germany and Rupert Murdoch.

Satellite signals are going to be coming from every angle, especially as smaller countries come to grasp the "real estate" possibilities of their allotted satellite frequencies. And in the next few years video technology will have continued its steady conquest of British homes. In 1981 about 6 per cent of homes had a videocassette recorder. The figure today is about 22 per cent and is expected to rise to near 50 per cent by 1985.

Who are the businessmen behind the growth of cable and satellite broadcasting? The cable contractors range from mighty organizations such as British Telecom and Plessey to energetic but small-time provincial businessmen. The Government is still only thinking in terms of a relatively limited cable development – "pilot" is the word still used to describe it. Those large companies joining licence applications are only doing so as a way of testing the water and will take no great equity stakes until they are sure that it will be profitable.

Other kinds of organization will probably become significant. Existing cable companies such as Rediffusion, owned by BET, and Radio Rentals, owned by Thorn EMI, and other companies already own cable systems which reach about 14 per cent of British homes.

They will be quick to exploit their existing cable network and offer customers – most of whom have only received BBC and ITV signals to date – new films and entertainment service. They therefore start with a considerable advantage, even though they will have to re-engineer their systems to allow for the greater capacity that the Government demands.

The other group which will make the running in the next few years is of programme suppliers, principally the so-called "indies" (independents), a large number of whom have developed in the wake of Channel 4. The likely archetypical successful independent is Goldcrest, with its association with the Midas-like David Puttnam and in the film *Gandhi*. Goldcrest has ambitious plans to produce films for the British and world markets. It has also become the focal point for a deal with the American companies Home Box Office, Columbia, CBS and Twentieth Century Fox to provide a film channel to cable systems, using satellites as the means of delivery, and has plans for a 24-hour news channel.

Backed by the giant media conglomerate Pearson-Longman, Goldcrest is a good example of the kind of major independent which will come to dominate not just our television, but world television. A similar film channel deal has been made between Rediffusion, Visionhire, MGM, United Artists, Paramount and Universal. The net result of this activity may be that most entertainment television will be made increasingly for a world market with the contours of national character smoothed out into a monotonous plain.

Other companies coming to the fore include Cablemusic, which from January 1984 will supply Greenwich Cablevision with 12-hour music service supported by advertising. As more cable systems emerge they will be offered the Cablemusic channel broadcast by satellite from London. It is expected that by the end of the 1980s their potential market will be over 5 million cable homes.

The company has already obtained the services of the like of BBC's Mike Read, Alan Freeman and a newcomer called Curleyman who will offer a daily schedule of video pop promos, video music charts, music films, concerts and so on. Cablemusic already provides one hour of music programmes for satellite broadcasts to Europe. Experience in the United States where MTV (Music Television) has become one of the most successful cable channels, indicates that companies such as Cablemusic will be a powerful force by the end of the decade. Adiós *Top of the Pops*.

It may not be very long, then, before salesmen from the local cable service are knocking on your door offering a selection of new television. Neither will it be long before serious questions are asked about the future of the BBC and ITV. As it stands both are legally established until 1996, when both the Royal Charter and Television Act expire and will need to be renewed. It is possible that they will not be renewed and that the whole structure of public service broadcasting will need to be reconsidered.

By the beginning of the next decade there will be an urgent need to reexamine the whole ecology of television and to place BBC and ITV services in a context provided by these new demands on the audience's finite leisure time – cable, satellite and video.

Rather than just watching BBC or ITV, people will watch their cable or DBS service or their video-cassette recorders. Families will be watching different things, with mum and dad taking in a film in the living room and the kids watching their local cable music channel.

Each new service will itself not grab a large part of the total audience, but collectively they will take a considerable bit out of the BBC and ITV audience, which will destabilize these systems financially and therefore editorially. An increasing number of voices will ask questions about the need for the BBC and ITV.

The public service broadcasting system is to an extent, conspiring against its own future. The BBC, for example, is likely to be offering subscription and pay-per-view satellite service. At the same time, it is encouraging VCR owners to buy or rent videocassettes of programmes from its archives.

If the television audience is watching a satellite service or a cassette, then it is obviously not watching the BBC or ITV networks. Evidence from the Neilsen Company in the US showed that in homes which were not part of a cable system, the networks had an 84 per cent share of the audience. In homes which had a pay cable service, however the share was only 58 per cent. Similar evidence is emerging from subscription TV experiments in Britain.

Another issue is slowly emerging. The commercial imperatives of the new media are spilling over and affecting editorial decisions in the traditional broadcasting system. This already happens through coproduction and cofinancing deals, where a programme is more likely to get made if there is money available from external sources.

Another clear sign of how the new media are already influencing broadcast television was given by John Ross-Bernard, head of BBC enterprises home video. When announcing the latest BBC videos, he observed that most television programmes will have to be restructured. He said: "A 26-part series of 50-minute episodes is not what the public would expect. We have to ask producers to reconceive their programmes to make them suitable for video."

Thus the rise of video and cable is likely to have profound implications for the quality of broadcast material – and therefore profound implications for the quality of life enjoyed by those who watch television.

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Coronation Street 2001: a TV in every room. On each roof a dish (or flat plate) for receiving satellite signals. Upstairs, from left to right, televisions even in the bathroom and lavatory; a computer and flat-screen TV for the homebound office worker; children watching cable rock; video games on the bedside computer; shopping via the small screen; voting on interactive cable. Downstairs, video cartoons on a big screen; a videophone in the hall; checking the bank balance and transferring funds on interactive cable; language lab on the big screen, homework on the computer and grandpa reading an electronic newspaper; an old film while waiting for something more amusing on the split screen; a secretary working at home.

Tomorrow: what will 100-channel television mean to society?

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moreover... Miles Kington

Top of the pops – but is it rigged?

An enormous furore has been caused by the publication of a list of "The Twelve Greatest Pop-Up Books of All Time" by the British Book-Flogging Board. While conceding that anything that sells books is a good thing critics are *aghast that*, for instance, there is nothing on the list by *Jorge Luis Borges*, Proust or Gyles Brandreth. Nor are they happy with the technical quality of the books. There has been much criticism of the Paul Theroux *Pop-up Kingdom by The Sea* in which little pops up, and those drawings that do pop up tend to fall sideways.

"This was quite intentional", sighs Jimmy Savile OBE, chairman of the panel of judges. "Paul sees Britain as a tumbledown old place, so he asked for the drawings to tumble down. Makes sense to me. The only one we had real trouble with was Harold Evans's pop-up book on *The Times*. Evans is meant to pop up on page 5 and take a swing at Rupert Murdoch, but he always misses. If you ask me, it's probably because Rupe is away in America buying a paper, right? Anyway, that's one book that didn't make the final cut."

The full list is as follows:

Jonathan Miller's *Pop-Up Production of La Traviata*.
Paul Theroux's *Kingdom by the Sea*
My Favourite People, by Michael Parkinson.
The Living Volcano, by David Attenborough.
The Nudest 3-D Joan Collins.
The Eagle has Popped Up, by Jack Higgins.
The Guinness Book of Heights.
Hitler's Speeches. Volume 4.
The Naff Pop-Up Book.
Best Cricketing Stories Ever, edited by Benny Green.
The Ranulph Fiennes Pop-Up Book.
Highlights of World War IV by Sir John Hackett.

"It simply isn't a literary list", snaps Anthony Burgess, chairman of the panel of hostile critics. "Books are all about words, not drawings. I simply can't see how they could have overlooked my *Pop-Up Joyce's Ulysses*, in which key words jump out at you, and the complex imagery of his thought is symbolized by sentences leaping off the page and towering before your eyes. What's so literary about Hitler's speeches?"

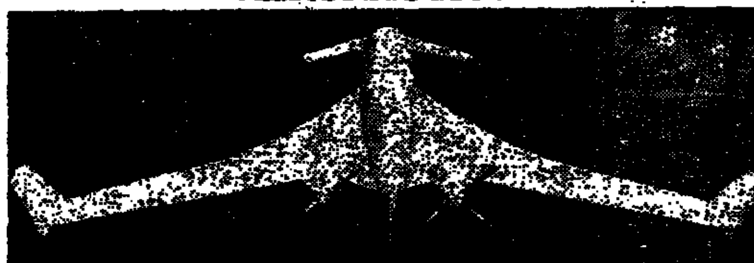
The point about including Hitler, according to the judges, is that although it is not great prose in itself, the book is a stunning entity. Where else, they ask, would you find Hitler popping up on page one, followed by 200,000 cheering Germans popping up on subsequent pages? Again, the technical wizardry of Ian Botham smashing a ball for six more than makes up for Botham's own prose style, and the explosions in Hackett's book are worth anyone's money. And they had to include Ranulph Fiennes, if only because Ranulph Fiennes pops up everywhere.

They would like to have included a nature guide or cookbook – in fact, a book on British trees was almost selected, but when they came to have another look on selection day last winter they found all the leaves had fallen off, while Delia Smith's *Book of Soufflés* apparently sank without trace after two months. They now feel they have the best possible dozen around. To put it another way, they have got a right old controversy going, which was their main intention in the first place.

"Anything that gets books talked about is good," admits Hamish Naipaul, little-known brother of Shiva and V S, "and I'm prepared to go on any programme any time and talk about them, if Salman Rushdie is unavailable. By the way, did you know that Fay Weldon is rushing out a pop-up book attacking publishers? I've had an advance look at it, and I'm afraid that some *very* nasty things happen to the publishers. It could be the world's first pop-up nasty."

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research AERONAUTICS



The Beech starship I looks less like a serious business aircraft than a prop from Star Trek. The engines (two Pratt and Whitney PT 6A turbo props) are at the back and the "tail plane" is at the front. However, it is not only the design which should make the aircraft so fuel efficient but the graphite epoxy, Kevlar, glass fibre and titanium from which it is constructed.

Display's the thing

Sitting in the cockpit of the future may well feel like sitting in a television studio as computer screens replace conventional mechanical instruments.

Electronic flight information systems (EFIS) are beginning to appear on the flight decks of airlines and the flashier business jets. A Typical system has five cathode ray tube displays driven by three computers. The pilot and co-pilot have a screen each replacing the conventional electro-magnetic horizontal situation indicators and attitude director indicators with electronic instruments. The fifth screen is central and can show weather radar data, check lists, navigational information and probably also the Test match scores and the lunch menu.

A further advance is Flight Management Systems (FMS) which does not just tell the crew what is going on, but actually computes the most fuel efficient flight possible. Before the flight, a computer is fed with the starting point and destination; during the flight the computer gets information about navigation, the engine and performance sensors. FMS can then work out the best speeds to fly, the most economical altitude and likely fuel consumption. It will also give out information on the effects of engine failure and other emergencies on these parameters. During flight the auto pilot can be activated directly by the FMS.

The software options are limitless. Smiths Industries' FMS currently installed in the Airbus A 310 which is claimed to be "the most sophisticated computer flying in any aircraft", will even display at what time the aircraft will run out of fuel. Thank goodness that in many aircraft the subsequent failure of all generated power will leave the screens blank so that, as you glide peacefully earthwards, it won't be able to say "I told you so".



Now showing in cockpit one: the new equipment for the Airbus

Plane fashions

It may seem odd to put it this way, but it is clear that the major influence on aerodynamics in the last 10 years has been the Yom Kippur war and its aftermath. The need to be fuel-efficient has dominated developments in the design of aircraft and all their attendant parts. These days, the laws of avionics seem to be economics.

The latest version of the highly successful business aircraft, British Aerospace's 125-800 is a case in point. At present the new model is about halfway through its test programme and is due to be certificated next spring. British Aerospace has improved the top cruise speed to MACH 8, the range to 3000 nautical miles and both the payload and the take-off performance. Some of that is due to the more powerful new engine, Garrett TFE's 451-5 and some, most interestingly, to the enhanced aerodynamics.

British Aerospace has somehow managed to resist the latest fashion accessory for business jets, those chic turned-up wing tips called "winglets". Winglets improved performance at high altitudes by reducing the drag caused by the wing-tip vortices. Instead British Aerospace has neatly and cheaply increased high altitude performance by inserting an additional section in each wing, increasing the span from 47ft to 51.4ft. Not only does this decrease drag by moving the wing tip vortices further apart, but it also increases the range. The size of the fuel tanks in the wings can be increased since there is, literally, more wing.

Starry-eyed bombs



Navigation by the stars has many romantic associations from saint Exupery braving the Andes with the night mail to lone yachtsmen braving the seas. However, its latest application – designed to enable the US Air Force to bomb its enemies with deadly accuracy – is far from romantic.

Helpful air traffic controllers and conventional radio navigation aids tend not to be available over unaccommodating foreign territories. Standard inertial navigation systems have a cumulative error so that after a translantic crossing, for example, they are usually eight to nine miles adrift. How irritating to miss the Kremlin and hit a salt mine instead.

The Northrop Corporation has therefore developed a highly accurate astronertial navigation systems, the NAS–26, which is going to be tested in the first Rockwell B–1B long-range bombers. A star tracker locates and identifies a number of stars, so that a computer which is pre-programmed with the azimuth and elevation of 61 selected stars can, when told the time, compute the precise latitude and longitude of the aircraft. This information is then used to update a conventional inertial navigation system preventing messy drifts.

Safe stacking

The airlines are anxious to reduce delays and save money caused by problems in air traffic. Two proposals were discussed at the recent International Air Transport Association conference in New Delhi. The first was simply to fly shorter distances. A more direct route structure over Europe would, for example, reduce the miles flown by 9.6 per cent.

The second idea is to cram more aircraft safely into the air space available. Below 29,000 ft one can fly at altitudes separated vertically by only 1,000 ft; above 29,000ft, the legal separation is 2,000 ft. This restriction was imposed because barometric altimeters become less reliable with altitude. Since technical advances have made altimeters more reliable, IATA would like to reduce vertical separation to 1,000 ft throughout. This would double high level capacity on all routes and enable airliners to fly more often at their more fuel-efficient height. IATA anticipates that this would save "many hundreds of millions of dollars worldwide".

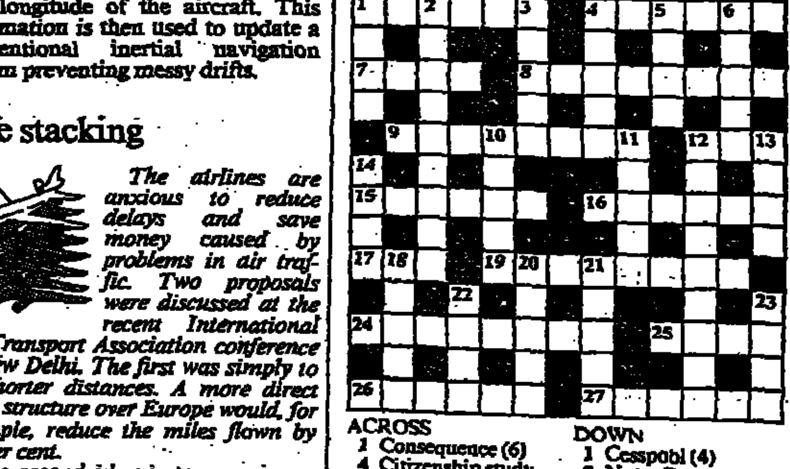
Nervous passengers need not be afraid of colliding just yet. Before this is agreed, there will be an extensive period to recalibrate the altimeters and test the procedures.

Judith Chisholm

TOMORROW

The Times Profile: the Archbishop of York

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



A chicken comes home to roost

I had been warned by veteran child-rearers about the horrors of early adolescence. But then I had also been warned about other phases of development, only to be knocked flat by the reality. I could mention the Woeful Ones, Terrible Twos, Frightful Fours, and all the other "tricky patches" which are merely sections of a continuum, and which we try, so vainly, to jollify by alliteration. Now, when I speak of early adolescence, I really do mean early – like three. My son, who is of that age, is bang in the middle of this trying period, and although I feel sorry for him I just wish he could have waited another ten or eleven years before putting parental values through the mangle. Take this conversation, which I overheard in the kitchen the other morning:

His mother: "What would you like for breakfast, darling?"

Him: "Not a dead chicken, Mummy."

My daughter, meanwhile, is into the fauvist phase of artistic growth. This coincides with my return from a visit to Brazil, which she has chronicled with a blissful disregard for actuality. Still, I am flattered; on the title page of her little book is a drawing of me looking like a cross between Johnny Weissmüller and Olive Oyl. Before leaving, I had explained that I was going to visit some distant relatives, but these have been depicted swinging by one arm from banyan trees in the Amazon basin. If I were my uncle, I would sue.

Guy Fawkes Night debris is everywhere. There are charred cones on the garden walls and spent rocket casings in the flower beds. Whenever children sense that something has been going on during hours which are out of bounds to them, they will always manage to put their own gloss on the phenomenon. Accordingly, my son tells me there has been a game of Space Invaders while he was asleep, and who am I to deny it? During the night he woke up twice, and while this is not a practice he keeps exclusively for November 5, he did complain on the first occasion of being "swallowed by a noise" and on the second of "feeling my ears go dizzy." If I were a more vengeful parent I would have pointed out that I owed him a few broken nights, but today he seems so unreproachful about having been excluded from the fun. Besides, he is very informative on the origins of Firework Night; the Guy called Fawkes earned his surname by attacking kings with cutlery. (I agree, Guy Knives would never have caught on). Like most other villains, he operated in the Olden Days, and it is because he "burnt palaces down" that we go on doing the same thing to him year after year.

We learn that the boy must have his adenoids out. The operation is to be performed by one Doctor Razor (né Fraser). It is hard to know whether the mispronunciation denotes a terror of surgery or just a loss of hearing in the F register. The second, I hope.

Dead chicken for Sunday lunch, and out-and-out veganism seems just a drumstick away. My daughter eyes the plate with an "Alas, poor Yorick" expression, and says mournfully: "I can see the holes where the feathers went in." It gets worse, as she demands to know exactly what was the function of the limb which she is being asked to eat.

After the meal, my son goes into the garden with high hopes of flying one of the burnt-out rockets. It is a very sad sight. He is holding the black stick like a javelin and dashing across the grass with optimistic jet noises. When lift-off does not take place and he realizes the thing is about as airworthy as the chicken, he flies into a rage and crash-lands on the roses. Oh death, where is thy wing?

Back to mundane matters and Observation Number Two about the effects of childhood on a new car. One important thing to note: the wreckage of a two-bar Kit Kat fits very snugly into the cassette player and can be relied upon to put the machine out of action for an indefinite period. The only problem is how to explain such inventive usage to the dealer when the car goes in for a service.

Solidarity is a great thing. A co-parent from round the corner drops in and listens patiently to the chicken saga. He tells me that he has had the same problem himself and that while on a farmhouse holiday recently his daughter chanced upon a lamb's entrails being prepared for the freezer.

"What's that bit?" asked the girl, pointing.

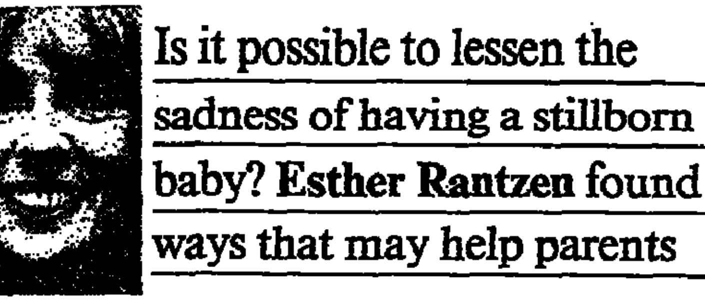
"The heart", replied the farmer.

"Oh yes, the heart", said the girl wanly. "Where the love comes from."

At this moment my own daughter enters in a state of agitation, having just come from a house in which there is "a deer coming through the wall with all its skin off."

What are we doing to these children?

'Devalued' death



Is it possible to lessen the sadness of having a stillborn baby? Esther Rantzen found ways that may help parents

We are not good with death – we are embarrassed by tears, "breaking down" is the height of bad manners, we no longer make pilgrimages to a family grave, as our grandparents did. Death has become invisible, undiscussable. One result, of course, is that the pain of loss turns inward, with no ritual ceremonies, when friends and relatives politely avoid the subject, a wall of silence imprisons and intensifies the grief.

This pretence that we can make death go away damages many parents whose new born baby dies. Trying to be kind, we are often unwittingly cruel. By quickly removing the baby's body, and trying to sweep away any little evidence of life, we deny the life. Until three years ago, the official form used to register a stillbirth, the burial form, was headed, rather brutually, "Disposal of stillbirth".

Billy Nixon, whose baby girl was born dead two years ago in Birkenhead, went to register her death, and found the old "disposal" form was still in use. He was deeply hurt by it: "It was as if they were talking about a load of rubbish they had to get rid of, instead of a real baby, my baby." The failure to recognize that a stillbirth is a real baby, and a real death, is behind much of the insensitivity that parents encounter. Anne Lovell, a sociologist who has researched professional attitudes to stillbirth, describes it as a "devalued" death. When one father was wary of seeing his baby, a midwife said, "Quite right, it's an ugly little thing", belittling the baby and the tragedy.

Time and again parents told us – during research for BBC television – that they had trouble convincing the nurses and doctors, and their friends and family that "even though our baby was dead, she was still a baby to us". Academic research supports them, psychiatrists Sandy Bourne and Emmanuel Lewis at the Tavistock Clinic have found that a simple change in attitude to stillbirth can greatly ease the suffering of parents of stillborn babies. We must recognize it is a real death, and mark the baby's passing. A change that would cost no money (good news in these days of ruthless health service pruning), but would require many small alterations in procedure.

For example, when the doctors and nurses first realize a baby is going to be born dead, the present procedure is to tell the father first. That places an enormous burden on the father. He must decide when and how to tell his wife, and he may feel that his responsibility is to try to save her pain by preventing her from having to see or hold the dead baby.

In the long run, research has found that protection can create even more pain. No mother has been found to regret seeing and holding her own dead baby, even if the baby is gravely handicapped. On the other hand, many mothers who are prevented from seeing their baby invent monsters in their mind and imagine nightmare babies instead. The reality is never as bad. And if the father alone has seen their baby, this may also cause a split between the parents which may become more difficult to heal. Far easier if, from the very beginning, father and mother share the decision-making together.

The first decision is whether to see and hold the baby. It is not enough simply to offer parents the opportunity. They should be encouraged and counselled to take it. It may sound a horrifying prospect to them. The parents may shrink from the idea. Hazelanne Lewis of the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society says: "The parents are often very young. This may be their first experience of death, and they need help and encouragement." Psychiatrist Emmanuel Lewis says: "Even if a baby is malformed, no mother regrets seeing her dead baby. Any horror or disgust comes from the doctors or nurses – mothers have often told us, 'I don't know what all the fuss was about. *When I saw my* baby, she was lovely'."

It may be helpful, with a very damaged baby, for the doctor carefully to wrap the baby, talk lovingly about the baby, and allow the parents to see and hold the undamaged hands or feet of their baby, bringing them gently to the decision that they should see and hold their own child, say goodbye slowly.

The question of taking time, going slowly, is crucial. We were told by so many parents, "They never give you time in hospitals" – parents who were asked to make instant decisions, they later bitterly regretted. Will they allow a post-mortem? Do they want the hospital to arrange a public burial in an unmarked grave? Do they want a photograph? The requests for decisions fall round the parents like a shower of bullets, when they could easily be delayed an hour or so. The three people most closely involved, mother, father and baby, desperately need that time alone together.

Alone, but not isolated. One mother we spoke to was left entirely alone in her hospital room for a whole day. She said, "I felt I was being punished for having a dead baby, alone, in a cold dark room without a buzzer. It was awful."

Wendy Hoyle

Of course the hospital staff themselves are deeply distressed when a baby dies, though they may try to conceal their own grief to protect the parents. We have found, though, that it is positively helpful to parents if the staff do show their grief, and demonstrate how much they care. A doctor who takes the trouble to attend the funeral will never be forgotten – a midwife who visits the family when they return home will be enormously appreciated.

Another big step forward would be for every hospital, as a matter of routine, to photograph each still born baby. Even if the parents do not ask for the picture at the time, they invariably greatly value it later, and until they need it, the photograph can be held in the hospital file. Without a picture, Emmanuel Lewis says, "your baby's death can disappear into a black hole in your mind".

Memory fades cruelly soon, far too soon. "Without a memory, you have no focus for your grief", Dr Lewis says. "A newborn baby has no history for the parents to remember, the parents have to create a history for him." It therefore helps for them to hold their own private funeral, which not only becomes an event to remember, but also an occasion to talk about their loss. Other children in the family need to talk about it, to prevent it becoming a mysterious, frightening secret.

Private burials, rather than the anonymous public burials arranged by the hospital, are often preferable. Parents can find it comforting to visit a grave. Even years afterwards, parents who are trapped in an unresolved grief for a baby they may never have seen or held, have found it valuable to trace the public burial plot, even though it may be unkempt or neglected. Hospital staff rarely if ever visit the cemeteries where their stillborn babies are buried. They should inspect them more often. There have been cases where babies were buried in the coffins of other adults, by unscrupulous undertakers who believed that the parents would never know, and the hospital would not care.

When it comes to completing official forms, we have been told that registrars sometimes fail to realize that the parent registering the stillbirth, usually the baby's father, is in a state of shock and must be treated very gently. Parents long to be allowed to name their dead baby. At the moment there is no separate space on the form for the baby's name. The Registrar General has decided that it would distress parents to be asked if they have named their dead baby. Parents we have met would not agree with him. They felt far too shocked, and too shy to volunteer the information; they even felt ashamed, in case they have no right to name their baby. But in every case, it would have helped enormously to be asked the name, and be allowed to record it, to prove the baby did exist, was not just a nightmare.

None of these changes would be expensive, or time-consuming. They simply mean dispelling the illusion that a tragedy will disappear if you ignore it. The truth is that all deaths must be recognized, mourned and accepted.

Esther Rantzen will introduce The Lost Babies *tonight on BBC1 at 10.45pm*

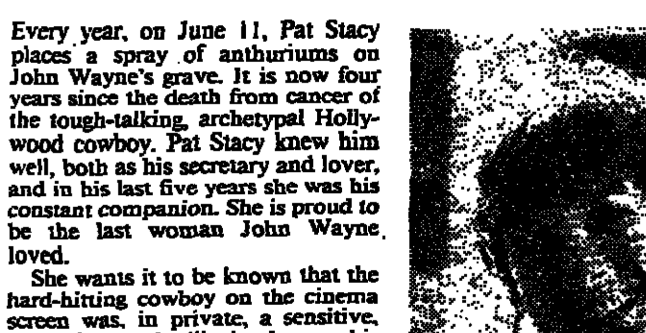
My life with the Quiet Man

Every year, on June 11, Pat Stacy places a spray of anthuriums on John Wayne's grave. It is now four years since the death from cancer of the tough-talking, archetypal Hollywood cowboy. Pat Stacy knew him well, both as his secretary and lover, and in his last five years she was his constant companion. She is proud to be the last woman John Wayne loved.

She wants it to be known that the hard-hitting cowboy on the cinema screen was, in private, a sensitive, gentle father who liked to be near his children and a man whom the sight of suffering brought to tears.

Writing a book about their life together forced Pat to relive a past almost too painful to talk about, such as the incredible suffering Wayne went through during his last few months after the operation for the removal of his stomach. She also had to recall the terrible day when, laying back in bed with his eyes closed, Wayne said suddenly: "Pat, take that Smith and Wesson by my side and blow my brains out".

She cannot forget the daily deterioration of the man she thought to be indestructable and whose bad moods she patiently endured during what she calls "the angry period".





Pat Stacy and John Wayne: happy memories

She nursed him day and night – whenever he opened his eyes he expected to find her there.

She found it easier remembering the good times, such as the start of their affair when they fell in love aboard his ship The Wild Goose, where he was always at his happiest. London and Paris evokes some of the happiest memories for her, it was only in these two cities that they lived together. She never moved into Wayne's home in Newport Beach, but lived in a house across the road, which he rented for her.

Pat is dark and petite, and at 5ft 2in was an unlikely match for the 18-stone, 6ft 4in screen actor twice her age. She wears a great deal of heavy gold jewelry – almost all of it presents from Wayne.

"Like most people of my generation, I had been brought up on John Wayne movies", she says. "I was very nervous about meeting *him*, but immediately you walked into the room he made you feel comfortable: he made women feel more at ease than men. You have to remember that a woman was no competition for the legendary John Wayne, whereas a man might have been.

"I think many men, however, were intimidated by him. Yet he was a man's man. He liked being with men playing cards and backgammon. When I met him the first time, he was a good deal heavier than I expected – strange to see such a large frame on such small, sensitive feet." And it wasn't until later that she discovered he wore a toupée in public. He didn't have the hair-piece on the day we met – he was a handsome man without it."

At first, she was scared of big Hollywood parties. Then she became angry. "Sometimes, Duke would be sitting on the dais and they would put me at the back of the room. I told him that I might as well be in another hotel." She had more than her fair share of snubs and stares and was often made to feel little more than an appendage to Wayne. It did not last long. Pat soon became recognized as what John Wayne called his "dear companion" – a term he used publicly on a Barbara Walters television show. She never minded being called his secretary. But his mistress? Definitely not, she says. It is a word she hates as much as she hates the word "macho".

Pat was with Wayne on location during the filming of *The Shootist*, his prophetic last film in which he played an aging gun-fighter dying of cancer. Although his stomach cancer had not then taken hold, it was a part he wanted to play, a character who had a little more good than bad in him, much like himself.

Pat was with him again at his last public appearance, Oscar Night in 1979. "No one except Duke, his 13-year-old daughter Marisa and I knew the tremendous effort he had made to get on stage that night. Yet seeing him walk down those stairs to the theme of *The High and the Mighty* I thought he looked marvellous".

She changed her mind when she saw some photographs of him a few days later. The look of death on his face had eluded her that night. Pat had seen what she wanted to see, not the gaunt and wasted man he had become.

Katharine Hepburn, a close friend of John Wayne, said when she and Pat met years later: "You kept him going, Pat. He must have loved you so much." Pat gives the credit to his friends and children, who also gave him strength.

She had been afraid that on Wayne's death she might lose all the friends they had shared, but that did not happen. She is still close to Maureen O'Hara, James Stewart, Shirlee Fonda and Frank Sinatra. Nor does she have any regrets that she did not become the fourth Mrs John Wayne.

"I can't say that I wouldn't have wanted to be Mrs John Wayne, but I was very happy with the relationship we had. I wasn't Duke's wife, but that made little difference. I had the best of him – his warmth, generosity and love. I also had to endure the worst – the tempers, the moods and the sickness. I had more time with him than most wives would."

Barbara Lamb

Duke – a Love Story, is published today by Souvenir Press, price £8.95.

TALKBACK

Look on the bright side

Last week Sarah Foot began her Diary of a Job Hunter.

From Sara Bird, 64 Paton Grove, Moseley, Birmingham

In which Sara Bird, Manchester University 1979-1982, BA 2:1 Drama, has gone in search of part-time employment.

I got a job straight from university doing a bit of freelance research, some radio journalism and script-reading. I had a great time and when my contract came to an end I made no attempt to renew it. I am going to work, part-time, at Marks & Spencer as a shop assistant until Christmas. And then, who knows?

Yes, it can be depressing to graduate on to a life of supplementary benefit, but it doesn't have to be. Do you really want your sense of identity to be determined only by what job you do? Isn't that letting someone else decide on your rateable value?

From Barbara Rich, 68a Leopold Road, Wimbledon, London

Why is it that admission of being an unemployed graduate is the opening for a plaintive article?

I have an arts degree and left without any apparent career prospects. I spent a year typing in a stockbrokers' research department and a string of other temporary secretarial jobs.

Now that I have secured a worthwhile post, I would maintain that I learnt a great deal – far more than had I merely exchanged one highly privileged environment for another.

From Mrs M. F. Cairns, Spencer's End, Carol Green, Berkswell, Warwickshire

Diatribes like Sarah Foot's make me sick. After three privileged, self-fulfilling, self-indulgent years at university (paid for by hard-working typists, among others), she expects to continue on her privileged way.

Typing is a joke – obviously beneath her. And what's so special about decorating and heavy supermarket duty? We all do it. Grow up, Sarah – you're in a real world now. And for God's sake, stop whining.

The older woman

From Genevieve Bridgeman, 25 Rathcoole Avenue, London N8

I find it hard to reconcile the presence on the same page last Friday of an article about the amazing Dora Russell, aged 89, and a comment in the medical briefing which states that "younger women will be relieved to know that women don't usually develop breast cancer until their fifties".

Apparently the female writers of your medical briefing subscribe to the myth that a woman's life becomes less worth living after the age of 50.

I suppose, at the age of 39, that I should regard myself as pretty much past it, and not worry too much about getting cancer during the next decade or two; but I look forward to my forties and, health permitting, even to my fifties.

Protected?

From Mrs A. A. F. Thorpe, Far Leas, Cowbeech, Hailsham, East Sussex

I am much in sympathy with Mrs Pick (Talkback, October 26) as I narrowly escaped the same dilemma. To avoid distressing my husband, I did not ask for power of attorney until too late and was advised that only a Court of Protection order was possible as an alternative. But when I read the conditions on the application form I asked the solicitor again under what circumstances I should need to use it. And it transpired that for anything other than the sale of the house or my husband's shares, his "mark" – witnessed by me or the nurse at the hospital where he was by now a patient – would be sufficient.

The Court of Protection order seems to have been designed for a quite different category of mental incapacity than that of a husband suffering from a gradual mentally crippling disease such as Alzheimer's – and implies that the patient is in danger of being exploited.

Who leaves whom?

From Mr Alan G. Smith, 68 Denmead House, Highcliffe Drive, London, SW15

Mrs Ann Wolfe writes, (Talkback, November 2) that it seems to her to be "more and more" frequently that husbands leave their wives for a younger woman.

The facts contradict this, however. Adultery by the husband accounts for only one in eight divorces. In most cases the woman is only younger than the husband by an insignificant couple of years, and is often slightly older. Twice as many divorces are granted because the wife has left her husband for another man.

Truffle Time

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Fresh truffles are just about as exotic as frankincense and myrrh for all the chance many of us have of finding out why they have fascinated and delighted people for centuries.

The slivers of preserved black truffle which turn up in posh patés are not much of a thrill, and I can see no reason whatever, apart from curiosity, for buying them whole in jars or tins. They taste and smell of very little, and the texture adds nothing to their appeal.

I have only once bought a fresh black truffle, in Covent Garden, and had no way of telling how fresh or good it was. I cooked it with great care, and to be sure of not missing any of its subtle splendours, made a truffle omelette – which is the sort of thing gourments do with truffles. After that I gave up, assuming that my palate must be too dull or uneducated to get the point of truffles, whatever it was.

Then I went to Alba in Piedmont which is the centre of Italy's white truffle district, and all was revealed. Really fresh white truffles are all they are cracked up to be and more. The smell of these mysterious underground fungi is not fugitive or the least bit elusive. It is a powerful, effectively indescribable, knock-out blow of a smell which is not even wholly pleasant until it is combined with other scents – traditionally those of hot pasta, cheese, potatoes or a buttery risotto.

Italian truffles are in season from September until December, although it is a good year if there are still decent ones to be had at Christmas. They are usually at their best and most prolific in November. A dry autumn is responsible for the scarcity of an already rare commodity and prices this year are the highest yet – £12.50 an ounce for the best quality sold retail in Alba, and double that in London from Hobbs of South Audley Street.

White truffles require no cooking. All they need is a light, but thorough scrubbing with a soft brush and a little water as near as possible to the time they are eaten. In Italy, whole truffles the size of big walnuts or larger are weighed then sent to the table with a special grater which has a razor sharp blade for shaving the thinnest possible slices of truffle on to the food in front of each diner.

There are no hard and fast rules about what truffles should be eaten with except that the smell or taste of the dishes should not overwhelm the perfume of the truffle. They are consumed on platefuls of hot, buttery hand-made tagliatelli, on the local cheese fondu, on patés and with various antipasti. An unusual combination which works well is of wafer thin slices of raw veal marinated in lemon juice and olive oil and served with a few shavings each of fresh Parmesan cheese and white truffles.

The time I spent in Alba was a truffle education I shall not forget. Like different kinds of apples or melons, truffles have distinctively individual smells. The strength and appeal of that smell is the most important factor in choosing truffles to buy. Look also for hardness which indicates both freshness and texture. Smooth truffles fetch higher prices than knobbly ones, and crumbliness, tested by scratching the exterior with a finger nail, is regarded as a good sign.

Those that grow on the roots of oak trees are said to be the finest. Inside, a good oak truffle looks like a cross section of a nutmeg with whiteish veining between *café au lait* cells. The colour range of Alba's white truffles runs from pale cream to strong white coffee.

White truffles preserved in brine and sold in jars or tins do retain an evocative whiff of the distinctive truffle perfume. It is not nearly so potent as a good, fresh truffle and the texture is changed by processing from something comparable with newly harvested nuts, to that of cooked mushrooms. But the price is more manageable (Hobbs have 2oz jars at £12.50) and these, of course, are available at any time of year.

A sliver or two or more in a delicately flavoured stuffing for quail, guinea fowl or chicken, or pushed between the skin and breast meat of the birds before roasting brings out the flavour of the poultry magically as well as adding its own, inimitably attractive scent.

Even if Alba were not famous for its truffles, it would deserve recognition for other local dishes.

Excellent variations on the cream caramel and creme brulee theme are offered in many restaurants. One local pudding is particularly liked and this *bunet*, a macaroon and chocolate flavoured custard with an interesting texture. It is best made a day or two before it is to be eaten so that the caramel has plenty of time to melt into the pudding.

Bunet

Serves four to six

110g (4oz) caster sugar

4 tablespoons water

450ml (¾ pint) milk

225g (8oz) amaretti or macaroon biscuits, crushed

2 tablespoons cocoa

1 teaspoon instant coffee

4 large eggs, beaten

Heat the sugar and water slowly in a heavy saucepan and when the sugar has dissolved completely, boil briskly until the sugar caramelizes. Allow the caramel to cook as dark as you dare before it turns bitter and pour it immediately into a loaf tin or dish of about 900ml/1½ pint capacity.

In another pan heat the milk and stir in the crushed amaratti, cocoa and coffee. Bring the mixture to the boil then take it off the heat. Stir in the beaten eggs. Pour the custard into the caramel coated tin or dish and set it in a larger tin or dish filled to a depth of 2.5cm (1 inch) with boiling water.

Cook the bunet in a pre-heated moderate oven (160°C/325°F, gas mark 3) for about 1 hour, or until it has set firmly.

Just before serving turn it on to a flat dish and serve in thick slices.

Hobbs, 29 South Audley Street, London W1 (telephone 01-409 1058), take telephone orders for fresh white truffles. Last week the price was £25 an ounce, but it may come down if supplies improve.

THE TIMES DIARY

Hammering it home

When Sotheby's was faced with a takeover bid by Knoll International, director Graham Llewellyn threatened to blow his brains out. Since Sotheby's has been taken over by the American millionaire Alfred Taubman, Mr Llewellyn has enthusiastically adopted American business manners.

He recently wrote a memorandum to all Sotheby's auctioneers, recommending certain behavioural tactics: "The occasional use of 'Sir' or 'Madam' has a positive effect on the audience, as does the thanking of a bidder or under-bidder. Open the sale by greeting your audience 'Good morning ladies and gentlemen', and thank them at the conclusion of the sale as if you really mean it. In the event of a dispute, maximum courtesy is vital, and can be achieved with no sacrifice of principle... You have a temporary position of power; do not abuse it, and be scrupulously fair." Auctioneers are also advised to play back the sales they conducted on tape because "we can all develop bad habits too easily."

● If Thorold Dickinson's *Queen of Spades* is one of your favourite films, this is your lucky week, even if you missed it on Channel 4 last night. BBC2 are showing the same movie on Saturday afternoon.

Hoyled again

Douglas Hoyle, the leftish MP, wasn't supposed to be elected to the chair of Labour's home policy committee; Sydney Tierney (rather less to the left) of the shopworkers' union was. Unfortunately for Tierney, Sam McCluskie, chairman of the organization committee was giving a briefing to lobby correspondents as the critical home policy election took place. The absence of two Tierney supporters, one of them McCluskie, saw Hoyle home by one vote. Had McCluskie been available, his vote would have forced a tie and the election would have been referred to the full national executive, who would have backed Tierney. McCluskie's union colleagues are quite cross.

● The CBI did not get a very good press yesterday, and it was a leader in *The Times* describing the delegates as (among other things) "whingeing" that most incensed them. That must be why the noticeboard in the foyer of Glasgow City Hall, on which the morning's press cuttings are posted, omitted to display it.

Stanzas delivered

With a name like Harry Lovelock, it makes perfect sense to become a poet, although, before he began to live up to his romantic sounding name, Mr Lovelock wrote one-line gags for television comedy shows. Two years ago, he met Sir John Betjeman, who with characteristic kindness said, "Let me see your stuff". The stuff was duly sent, and much admired, with the result that Sir John has made a personal choice of 30 of Lovelock's poems, and his collection is now in search of a publisher. Lovelock's poems are not unlike those of Sir John's in their nostalgia for surburbia and seashores, although they perhaps lack the lyricism of the Poet Laureate. Here's the last verse of Lovelock's "A Walk from Scratby":

Just blue green sea and
warm wet sand, a heaven
and the east wind.
I think tomorrow
I'll walk again
from Scratby.

BARRY FANTONI



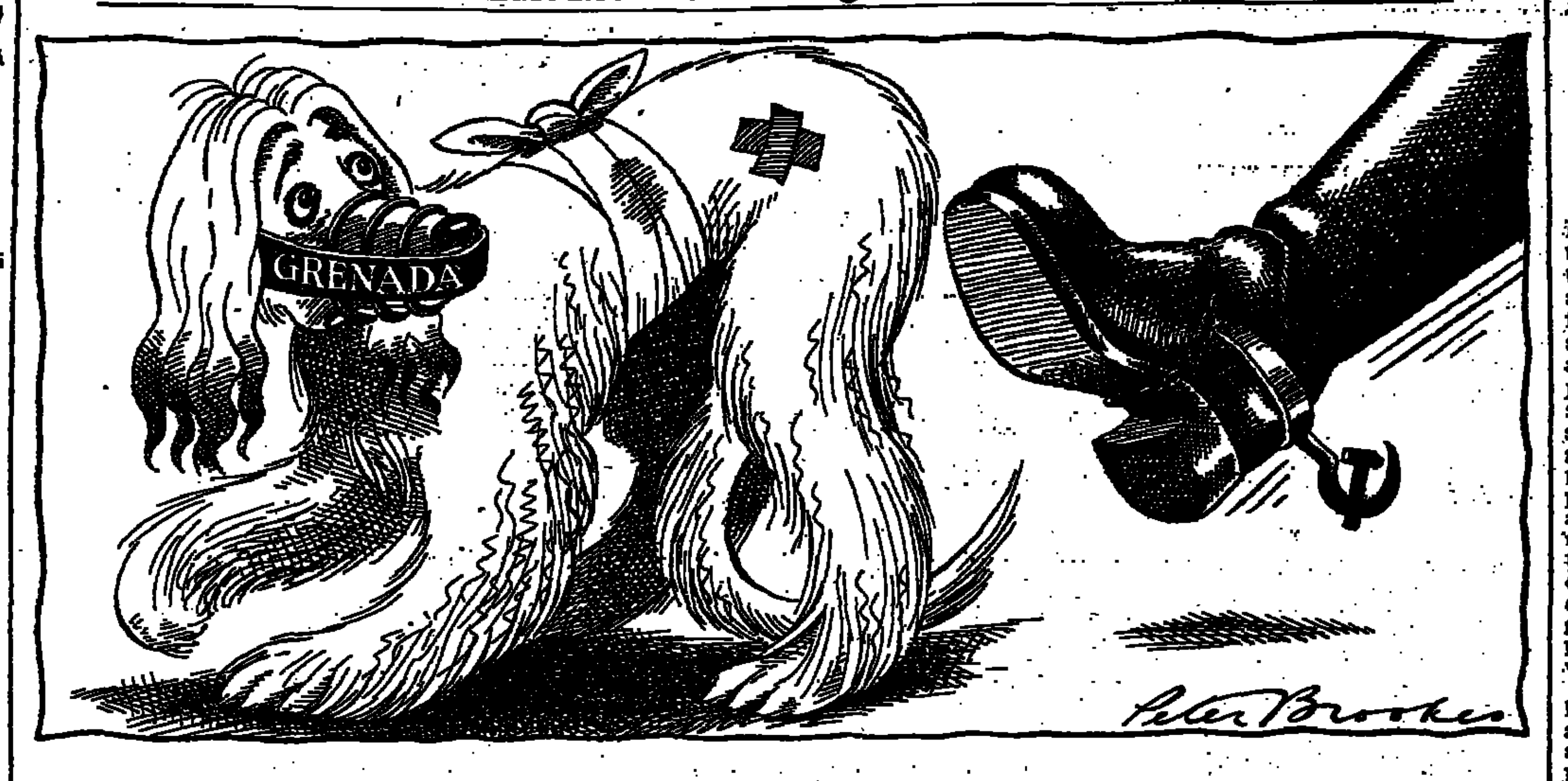
"Howard's delighted! They've commissioned him to write a play about it"

Good fellowship

Until very recently, it was probably easier for distinguished historians and antiquarians to have passed through a needle's eye than to have become a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. The reason was the antiquated voting system. Ballots for admission to the Fellowship took place on very occasional Thursday afternoons at 5pm, effectively restricting the vote to a small number of Fellows with time on their hands on a weekday afternoon. One no vote was equal to four yes votes, so it was not too difficult to blackball undesirable candidates. By this method, the eminent classicist Enoch Powell, and the equally eminent antiquarian Bevis Hillier, were blackballed. More enlightened Fellows became embarrassed by the rejection of such authoritative figures and demanded a change in the voting rules. From now on, any Fellow, wherever he may be on a Thursday afternoon, may ask for a copy of the nomination form for any candidate and then vote for or against by post.

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Doubts over Grenada must not cloud the Afghanistan issue, says George Walden



Arm the Afghan rebels

Grenada is a mote in the eye of the West. But it should not distract us from the biggest beam in the Soviet eye – Afghanistan. There is an undeniable similarity between the external circumstances of the two interventions. But the parallel stops there.

In Grenada, the "invaders" are welcomed; in Afghanistan, bitter opposition has continued for four years. In one country, the political prisoners are liberated. In the other, the purpose of intervention is to create a prison state. None of this solves the problem of principle. In fact, it leads straight to the familiar moral quicksands of ends versus means, and away from the distinction the Prime Minister has so effectively drawn: between the kind of states who do these things, and those who don't.

But while we are arguing the intellectual toss, let us not forget what is going on inside Afghanistan. Qualms about Grenada (which I share) will not help the Afghans. The worst thing that could happen would be for anyone in the West or the Third World to draw a neat "equals" sign between the two, thereby consigning Afghanistan even more effectively to the notorious "back burner".

Detente was already beginning to totter under the weight of its own illusions when 100,000 Soviet troops lunged across their southern border in 1979, and finally brought it down. There have been many explanations of the invasion, but nothing can excuse it. In particular the "buffer state" argument – that Moscow, as a great power, has a right to invade a troublesome neighbour to ensure Soviet security – must be firmly and persistently rebutted. One buffer leads to another. Pakistan is now Afghanistan's buffer. Where, one may logically ask, does it stop?

There is little hope of an early diplomatic solution. Yet, next to success in Geneva, nothing would do more to restore a modicum of East-West confidence than the firm prospect of a Soviet withdrawal. We need a settlement for its own sake, too. Those who favour bleeding the Russians in a long war should remember that the Afghans will do most of the bleeding. These fiercely brave men are ready for anything. They must be saved from their own heroism, if at all possible. An honourable settlement is better than an interminable *jihad*.

There will be no settlement by negotiation alone. Three things are needed to persuade the Russians to leave: it must be made as difficult and costly as possible for them to stay; there must be maximum publicity about an appallingly ruthless war; and the diplomatic exit must remain open to enable the Russians to edge out. Each method is useless without the others.

In Sandy Gall's book *Behind Russian Lines* there is a poignant picture of a do-it-yourself Afghan gunsmith. Someone, somehow has to make sure these men are properly armed. I don't recall the Viet Cong going short of weapons (though these are very different wars). No one is suggesting that the West should become embroiled in Afghanistan. But the argument that everyone must beware of doing anything to justify Soviet claims of outside interference has a Lewis Carroll quality: the Russians used the pretext of such interference to invade; the Afghans surely cannot be denied the means to resist for fear of giving substance to that claim.

Publicity of every sort is essential. (I don't recall the Viet Cong lacking that, either.) The invading power is not liberal with its television facilities. In the West, the sad truth is that availability of pictures often dictates news; the sheer footage from Lebanon guarantees it prominence. But we should do what we can. It is wrong to think that the Russians are totally insensitive to international opinion, especially in the Third World, and especially if publicity is accompanied by other pressures to settle.

Recent diplomatic efforts by the Community, and then the UN special representative, have come to nothing, although the UN seemed to veer dangerously close to the Soviet contention that the trouble stemmed from outside. The most striking aspect of the UN talks (between Russia, its Afghan puppets and the Pakistanis) is the absence of the Afghan patriots themselves. (Would Vietnam have been solved without the Vietnamese?) Realism dictates that they must be included if there are to be serious talks in the future. Realism also dictates that any solution must take account of genuine Soviet security interests – and they do have some.

At present, nothing new is happening. In a few days the UN General Assembly will vote, for the fifth time, by a large majority for Soviet withdrawal (while tactfully refraining from naming the Russians) and pass on its way... All will be "normal" again on that front, and the Russians will go on bombing and strafing Afghan villages. The Soviet army may think that no news is excellent news. They must be proved wrong.

We must keep some sense of proportion. The morality of the intervention in Grenada is highly debatable. But the people of the island are not debating; they are celebrating. Afghanistan is a continuing atrocity. It is also a thorn lodged deeply in the international body politic, which will not begin to heal until it is removed.

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Philip Whitehead

A small price to pay for Channel Four

It shows a certain style to welcome to your first birthday party some of those who would have strangled you at birth. But as Channel 4 begins the first week of the rest of its life we should remember just how vulnerable this by-blow of Labour paternalism and the entrepreneurial spirit still is. The stranglers have stayed their hand, but they have not gone away. A genuine extension of plurality in the mass media (and 5 per cent of the national television audience makes Channel 4 a mass medium) has been achieved at a trivial cost, while the concentration of media ownership goes on apace elsewhere. By contrast, the unintelligent de-regulation of cable now planned is likely to give us diffusion without diversity.

In the coming year Channel 4 will have to fight on two fronts, political and economic. There are those around the Prime Minister who will portray it as leftist agitprop, run behind a smokescreen of fussy intervention by the sinister revolutionary, Edmund Dell. Why not strip off the lifebuoy of subscription income, and force it to sink or swim by its own efforts? That could be by the sale of its own advertising time, rather than through the ITV companies.

Channel 4 will have two shots in its locker, in reply. One will be to persuade the four viewers in 10 who dip into its storehouse at some time during each week, for better movies, for alternative sport, for a diversity of opinion, that an important part of their television choice would vanish if Channel 4 were forced to go pop, as a kind of TV-am in slow motion. The second will be to rely on an unlikely ally, the ITV companies, fearful of any breach of their advertising monopoly.

The companies do not want to see Channel 4 selling its own advertising, independently. Some of them do not want to see it independent at all, and hanker to return to the concept of an ITV2, planned by them, programmed by them, and the convenient repository for material of minority appeal. Connoisseurs of oligopoly everywhere will have relished the protests of Mr Hugh Dundas, Chairman of Thames Television, who has complained piteously that Channel 4 is costing him £11m, in its first year, with worse to come. It is true that the long-running dispute between Equity and the advertising agencies, which can run and run since it is a third party which is getting hurt, has deprived the companies of more than half of the £80m Channel 4 advertising revenue they might have expected by now.

But they have been cossetted in their turn. They still receive – but do not announce – £35m to £40m in revenue. That is just an appetizer. They pay less levy. The raising of the threshold when Channel 4 was introduced is worth from £10m to £12m to them. They receive income for the programmes they produce for Channel 4, allowing a more efficient use of their own studios and staff. Also, for the duration of the Equity dispute, the IBA with discreet munificence, allowed the companies to sell two extra minutes of advertising in evening peaktime. There was no discussion, no parliamentary questioning. It happened. Informal calculations within the IBA make that concession worth £40m to £50m to the companies in the past year.

The companies are glutted with revenue, currently running at more than 30 per cent above 1982 levels. If the revenues and concessions directly due to Channel 4, or to the dispute which has reduced its own earning capacity, are taken into account the companies have gained by at least £90m.

This figure should be subtracted from the subscription of £123m to get a true picture of the real cost to ITV of protecting its advertising monopoly. It is true that when that monopoly is broken in the coming cable free-for-all the ITV companies will be thrown on the defensive. But that is no reason to allow them to weasel out of their financial obligations to Channel 4, which they understood when they reapplied for their franchises, nor to allow them to colonize it with their own outcast programmes.

Channel 4 has produced a remarkable burgeoning of independent production talent, and has frustrated some of it. Viewers who care to look at the programmes, and advertisers who care to look at the viewers, get a few lateral surprises. It is the channel for the free-range, not the battery viewer. *The Nation's Health, The Ploughman's Lunch* and *20/20 Vision* reach millions.

If the ITV companies have carping to do they would be well advised to lobby Westminster and Whitehall about cable, not Channel 4. And from those who complain the loudest, in advance of the profits their own companies are shortly to announce, a period of silence would be welcome.

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Voters protest in Turkey before Sunday's election

What happens when the 'wrong' party gets into power?

Ankara

"It is only natural that one party should gain a majority and be entitled to govern on its own. This fits with our often stated wish to have a strong government and avoid coalitions."

So said President Kenan Evren yesterday in welcoming the victor of Sunday's Turkish elections, Mr Turgut Ozal, who is thus confirmed in effect as Turkey's Prime Minister designate. The overall majority which he secured, with only 45 per cent of the popular vote, is indeed the intended result of the modified proportional system which the generals adopted.

The only trouble is that from their point of view the wrong party has won. They had planned everything to secure the election of their former colleague, retired general Turgut Sunalp. "The stocks were sold, the press was squared, the middle class was quite prepared..." But Sunalp, like Lord Lundy, proved simply not up to the job.

It was against their own better judgment that the generals allowed Ozal to stand at all. Every other candidate with any kind of public reputation had been banned, and there was talk of prosecuting Ozal for his role in the 1982 banking collapse which led to his resignation as deputy prime minister. But Ozal, thanks to his role in rescheduling Turkey's foreign debts, in 1980-82 and his success in meeting the conditions posed by the IMF and the big western banks, has a number of very influential friends in western capitals.

Also, the generals themselves had promoted him after coming to power. It would have been difficult for them to brand him as a survivor of the corrupt old political order. They probably thought his performance in government had made him too unpopular to pose any serious threat.

But Ozal, though he made his reputation as a technocrat, does in fact have an apolitical past and it is one not at all to the generals' taste. In the last pre-coup elections, in 1977, he stood in Izmir as candidate of the National Salvation Party, of which his brother Korkut was deputy leader. Luckily for him he was not elected. If he had been, he would probably now be facing charges, as his brother is, of attempting to subvert the secular character of the state – an offence carrying an eight year prison sentence. For the National Salvation Party was a thinly-disguised Islamic revivalist party, of the sort which the generals, imbued with the secular legacy of Kemal Atatürk, are absolutely determined not to tolerate.

Ozal is a devout Muslim which is not a crime, and his Islamic interests are all too good when it comes to getting aid from Saudi Arabia or Kuwait. But in the generals' eyes he is not the sort of dependable secular Kemalist to whom they hoped to hand over power once their task of restoring order and revising the constitution was complete. In addition, many army officers were among the middle class victims of the fringe bank crash which resulted from Ozal's laisser faire policy on interest rates in 1982.

Like the French constitution, the new-Turkish constitution grants extensive powers to the president of the republic, who is elected by universal suffrage. As in France these powers include nomination of the Prime Minister, but the government must enjoy the confidence of the national assembly.

The smooth functioning of such a system presupposes reasonable political harmony between the assembly and the president. In France this has so far been maintained, partly because the president can dissolve the assembly and call new elections at the moment of his own choice.

In Turkey, however, the President can do this only when no government capable of obtaining a vote of confidence can be found. In any case, it would make little sense for the president to order a new election now, when this one has produced such a clear result. The generals have to live with this Ozal for the time being, but they will certainly not allow him a completely free hand, and they may well be tempted to try and undermine him, especially if his economic policies again antagonize large groups of the population, as seems highly likely. Evren in his infelicitous pre-election broadcast, has already warned people against Ozal's "sweet promises" and wondered aloud "what else people will say to you in the future that again will be untrue".

An immediate issue is likely to be the holding of local elections, which are due within a year. Before the general election the generals had introduced a Bill limiting participation in local elections to parties that competed in the general election. This was ruled unconstitutional by the constitutional committee of the consultative assembly – a piece of civilian insubordination which was already a sign of the times. Now the generals will almost certainly drop it, having no reason to suppose that Sunalp's party would do any better against Ozal's and Calp's in local elections than it did in the national ones.

If the Bill is dropped, the local elections, will be open to two other parties which correspond broadly to the two main parties in Turkey before the coup: Doğru Yol (the Right Road) of the moderate right and Sodep (Social Democratic Party) of the moderate left. Doğru Yol, which has the discreet support of former prime minister Süleyman Demirel, may well prove much more popular with conservative voters than Ozal's Motherland Party. Should that prove so, the representative character of Ozal's government will be called in question and pressure for a widening of the political spectrum at national level is bound to increase. Having in effect rigged this election by mistake in favour of the wrong man, the generals may actually prefer to give the people a free choice next time round.

Edward Mortimer

A royal hand to heal political wounds

The state of the Commonwealth in the aftermath of US intervention in Grenada will be at the forefront of the Queen's mind when she leaves London this week for a tour of three important member states, culminating in her presence at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Delhi later this month.

For many years the Queen has made a practice of undertaking a state visit to whichever country is hosting the biennial Commonwealth conference, an indication of how seriously she takes, and how fervently she believes in, her role as Head of the Commonwealth, a title invented for the benefit of her father when he ceased to be *Imperator*, and became plain *Rex*, at Indian independence in 1947.

Her presence at the conference will be discreet and low-key; she will make no formal speech to the assembled delegates. But she will see each one individually in private audience, and will undoubtedly take the opportunity to state forcefully her faith in the continued existence and value of the Commonwealth, and her disapproval of the notion that foreign powers may walk into member states, especially when they do not give her prior warning.

The Queen's position as titular figurehead always courts trouble when the winds of fortune blow it in the direction of global politics, although she is adept at using her strictly limited powers to best advantage. It was the Queen who, at the previous Commonwealth summit in Lusaka, built the necessary informal bridges between black African leaders that enabled Rhodesian independence talks to get under way.

The US Marines' landing on Grenada was merely a new embarrassment to replace an old, for until then the Queen found herself as nominal head of an extreme left-wing regime of which she could hardly have approved, and which showed no allegiance to any ideals of human rights and democratic government which the Commonwealth might harbour. But there is no shortage of such anomalies in what used to be the British Empire.

Kenya, the Queen's first stop, has become a one-party democracy under President Daniel Moi, recently returned in general elections for a third term. It is the Queen's first full-scale visit to the country since 1952, when as Princess Elizabeth she set out on an East African tour on behalf of the gravely-ill King George VI.

While there, she will make a nostalgic return visit to Treetops, where a telephone call to a Reuters correspondent covering the tour brought her the first news of her accession to the throne. Treetops, then a simple two-roomed game hide built in a tree, has long since been replaced by a modern hotel, but the Queen will be able to see a plaque recording the unhappy circumstances of her last visit.

Bangladesh, the Queen's next stop, has been under military rule since 1975, and some local politicians have objected to the royal visit on the grounds that it could bestow what they would regard as an unwarranted cloak of respectability on the military regime. So far as the Queen is concerned, Bangladesh is a member of the Commonwealth, and has every right to be visited, especially as the last royal presence was in 1960 when the country was still East Pakistan.

The Queen then moves on to India where, as in Bangladesh and Kenya, she is a visiting foreign Head of State and Head of the Commonwealth. Unlike Grenada, all three are independent republics within the Commonwealth.

Among the diversions being laid on for the royal entertainment in India is an up-country safari in which Prince Philip will be invited to mount an elephant and lumber into the jungle in seach of lions. But the only shooting will be by camera; the days are past when royals, especially those associated with the World Wildlife Fund, attracted opprobrium by killing Indian tigers.

But perhaps the most significant official duty in India, and one which will prove that all wounds heal, given time, will be the visit to the holy shrine marking the place of cremation of Mahatma Gandhi. When the royal party enters, even the Head of the Commonwealth will be asked to take off her shoes.

Alan Hamilton

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Pitfalls on the path to privatization

Last week's deliberations of the "Star Chamber", under the benevolent chairmanship of Lord Whitelaw, were enlivened, we are told, by a philosophical exchange between the Chancellor and his successor at the Department of Energy about the financial target, and resulting pricing policies, to be set for Sir Denis Rooke and his Gas Corporation. I can well believe it. Nigel Lawson and Peter Walker are not exactly male equivalents of the Colonel's Lady and Judy O'Grady. They view the world from vastly different standpoints.

Some years ago Peter Walker published a personal political testament which he called *The Ascent of Britain*. It told us a lot about the ascent of Peter Walker. Great Britain Limited was very much the theme: a vision of a land where, as is supposed to happen in Japan, businesses both public and private sat down with the unions under the wise guidance of government to carve out the markets of the world. It was the vision that gave us the Meriden cooperative to recapture United States custom for our motor-bikes, and Plans for Coal and Steel which were nothing if not expansive, and of which Mr MacGregor has become the legatee.

The Secretary of State for Energy has not changed his opinions. Challenged the other day to refute the proposition that his latest campaign to promote energy savings would turn out to be "just another exercise in exhortation", he responded that "all my previous exercises in exhortation have been successful, such as my Food for Britain campaign." Well, that was a good deal more than just an exercise in exhortation: between 1979 and 1982 the cash backing which Mr Walker provided for his fellow-farmers soared by 75 per cent. In his new role at Energy he has already emerged as a man (unlike his predecessor) after Sir Denis Rooke's heart. "I do believe," he has told us, "it is in the interests of our energy industries, and those who work in them, to find a system that stops the constant interference of politicians and civil servants".

No more brusque instructions to the Gas Corporation to get shot of its oil activities, offshore and onshore. But also no more threats to its monopoly privileges: "I don't think we will ever have two gas pipes for each house or two electric cables for each factory".

How different it all sounds from last week's privatization polemic from Nigel Lawson's new Financial Secretary, John Moore. Having conceded the inevitability of monopoly in the transmission and distribution of gas and electricity, he went on to argue that "electricity generation, the production and marketing of gas, coal production and sale ... are in no sense natural monopolies". Tell that to Sir Denis Rooke and Arthur Scargill – and to Peter Walker.

Pace Peter Walker there is limited joy in the privatization of monopoly. So long as the state confers upon the Gas Corporation an exclusive right to buy and sell gas there is something to be said for the "constant interference" of those who are directly answerable to the electorate, however irksome Sir Denis Rooke may find it. As John Moore pointed out, we can do what we may to try to simulate the disciplines of the private sector by way of financial targets and external financial limits, but so long as a corporation has a captive market it can always pass the buck back to its customers. Indeed, large profits earned by a monopoly corporation in response to Treasury financial directives are liable to be rendered more controversial by the injection of private shareholding, not less.

So far the privatization programme has covered the easy part. Businesses such as Amersham, Cable and Wireless, British Aerospace, Britoil and the National Freight Corporation have always faced direct competition. Even Associated British Ports has to lure its custom, although the domestic market is distorted by such suicidal devices as the National Dock Labour Scheme. But when we move on to British Telecom, British Gas and, for somewhat different reasons, British Airways, we are in another game park.

In the case of British Gas, whatever John Moore may say and Nigel Lawson aim for, the present clear intention of the sponsoring minister is evidently to pass on to the market an intact monopoly. In the case of British Telecom it is true that in Mercury a rival network has been licensed, and the path has been opened to competition in the installation of gadgetry. But initial installation and repairs are still, it seems, to be a *chasse gardé* for BT; and while John Moore made the constructive suggestion that where continuing subsidy would be required, commercial businesses might put in competing bids for the subsidy, it does not sound as if that will be the way the legislation will be written. Too much was conceded in advance in a foredoomed attempt to secure the acquiescence of the union bosses.

As to British Airways, while the proposal from Sir Adam Thomson of British Caledonian that he should receive a choice selection of BA's routes to reduce its share of UK-originating scheduled services does look a little cheeky, a simple write-off of BA's debts would hardly constitute a fair basis for competition from a privatized state carrier.

"The long-term success of the privatization programme will stand or fall by the extent to which it maximizes competition" says John Moore. Amen to that. But he and the Chancellor have still got their work cut out to get there.

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TOUGHING IT OUT

Everyone knows that war today is total. It is carried on in all fields, political, economic, diplomatic and military. The conduct of grand strategy must therefore be total too. There is no room for piecemeal behaviour by the great powers. There is no point in an obsession with the small print at the expense of general principles. At a time of danger it is important not just that men think clearly, but that they are seen to think clearly. The leaders must share their thoughts with those whose support they need. Because strategy is total, it cannot be the preserve of the military or even just of a small coterie of politicians. Since it involves us all we must all know what is going on, and why.

That task is difficult to achieve where the Lebanon is concerned. But it must be achieved. There is a smell of burning in the Middle East and it is not clear that the forces mustering there are about to put the fire out rather than add to the possibility of conflagration. An American armada is assembling. Syria has mobilised; so has Israel. These events are much more important than the depressing spectacle of Palestinians continuing to murder Palestinians, and many innocent bystanders besides.

Because the forces of the United States are the strongest, and because the United States is a global power, it is American strategy which must be global in purpose and the clearest in presentation. America's purposes in the Eastern Mediterranean must therefore be clarified first in the White House and then for presentation to all the allies of the United States. Strategy is the art of applying force so that it makes the most effective contribution towards achieving ends set by political policy. It often involves a conflict of wills, with force used to resolve the dispute. In the Eastern Mediterranean one can see the evidence of American force, without yet being clear what are its political objectives or what will there is to achieve them.

The Americans put their marines into Beirut last year to help hold the ring while President Gemayel, who had lawfully invited them, sought to establish his government's authority over rival Lebanese factions and to achieve the departure of Syrian and Israeli troops. He has failed in those objectives, but he is still there. He is still one of the principals involved in negotiating some new balance of power between the forces at work within the Lebanon.

If the Americans pulled out of the Lebanon at this moment, they would thus destroy President Gemayel's position absolutely. He would no longer be even a factor in the murky and murderous power-broking of Lebanon's chief families. That collapse is an obvious Syrian objective. That is why the attacks on the marines continue to occur from Syrian-sponsored territory, while elsewhere Syria clearly shows its capacity and desire to eliminate the last vestige of Palestinian insurbordination under Arafat's command.

Another consequence of an American departure would be to show the world at large that an American military commitment, once entered into, would come to an end the moment casualties were sustained. The death of 191 marines was a shock to the United States, but as a great power, it should neither be provoked into an imprecise and emotional retaliation nor to a policy of scuttle. The Western democracies have become too soft in the sense that they retain military power but seldom like to admit that its use may be necessary and that casualties will be part of that necessity.

So it is important that the Americans show their resilience in the face of casualties. If that is the armada's purpose, we should be reassured since it underlines the strategic point that the United States is prepared to honour its commitments with force if necessary even at the cost of casualties which are unpopular at home. There is a message in that for Europeans, which they should ponder before indulging in easy distaste at the spectacle of American power.

It may be necessary to warn the Syrians and their surrogates in Lebanon that there is now sufficient power at hand to retaliate sharply against any further attempt to dislodge the American marines from Beirut. That is a necessary exercise in deterrence, particularly after the catastrophe of the explosion at the base. Such a challenge to American power could not be ignored if the United States intended to continue with its commitment to President Gemayel until its current, if limited, purpose finally expires.

If the Syrians and their irregular partners do pose a challenge by further attacks on marines, the American response should be considered, surgical and swift. It should be proportionate, – and thus limited – in the sense that its purpose is to maintain the existing limited force levels in the Lebanon, not to seek a wider commitment.

Nobody should be in any doubt that the stakes can become very high in such a confrontation, given that Soviet military personnel man Syrian air defences. But it would be quite wrong for the United States either to abandon its limited position or to expand it, let alone to hand over its responsibilities to the Israelis. Washington's strategic objectives in the Middle East must still be the pursuit of some kind of general stability favourable to the West. That would not be served by a close and exclusive military relationship with Israel. It will not be served by over-reaction. It will be served by patience, resolve and the clearest statement of objectives. That has yet to come.

MEANWHILE . . . IN EAST ASIA

Since taking office President Reagan has brought a new outlook to bear on American policy towards the Far East. For much of the 1970s Washington was inclined to see the region primarly in terms of its relations with China. The lure and fascination of China were such that it tended to eclipse other more reliable friends and allies – notably Japan and South Korea, but also the Philippines and other members of ASEAN (the Assn of South East Asian Nations).

Mr Reagan's attitude to China, on the other hand, has been coloured by his personal sympathies for Taiwan, and by his distaste for communism of every kind. And his experience as a West Coast politician has helped give him a strong admiration for the dynamic and rapidly expanding non-communist economies of East and South East Asia. This broadly based enthusiasm for the Pacific rim countries of Asia was behind President Reagan's decision to make his current visit to the region, one of the most striking foreign policy gestures of his presidency.

Since the visit was decided on some six months ago, it has unfortunately lost some of its original scope and aims. The South East Asian part of the trip has been cancelled, ostensibly because of the pressure of Congressional business in Washington, but in fact because of the dangerous instability in the Philippines brought about by the murder of the Opposition leader Benigno Aquino. This has meant restricting the trip to just two countries, Japan and South Korea. At the same time, Sino-American relations have suddenly improved after two years or more of strain with the result that President Reagan's current trip is in danger of being overshadowed by the visit he has agreed to pay to China next April.

The effectiveness of his present trip may also suffer from its timing. In Japan Premier Nakasone is distracted by the crisis caused by the Tanaka affair – the conviction last month on bribery charges of former premier Kakuei Tanaka, still the power behind the scenes in Tokyo. And in South Korea president Chun Doo Hwan is struggling to come to terms with the savage bomb attack in Rangoon on October 9, which killed 17 of his ministers and officials, and has now been shown beyond doubt to have been the work of the North Koreans.

Despite all these drawbacks, President Reagan's trip can still achieve a good deal. His visit to South Korea will be a timely reminder of Washington's commitment to its security, and may serve to restrain hotheads within South Korea keen to avenge the Rangoon bombing. It will also be useful for the discussions on Korea which President Reagan can expect to have in Peking next April.

Much more important is the President's visit to Japan. Too often during the past ten years or so relations between Washington and Tokyo have been dominated by their differences, rather than the common perceptions on which their alliance is based. From the time of President Nixon onwards, the Americans have nagged the Japanese about their trade surpluses, and their failure to shoulder enough of the burden of their own defences. Today these problems are as acute, or acuter than they have ever been. Next year Japan is expected to have a trade surplus with the United States of some 20,000m US dollars, while continuing to spend less than 1.5 per cent of its gross national product on defence – or less than 1 per cent, by Japanese accounting methods.

The trade issue, especially, threatens to cause serious strains, if not worse, in the months ahead. But the fact is that since becoming premier a year ago, Mr Nakasone has done more to address these problems than any of his recent predecessors. In the defence field, in particular, he has moved to appease the Americans by agreeing to supply them with Japanese military technology and by discussing ways that Japan can increase its defence role, notably by defending the major sea lanes to and from the Japanese archipelago.

He has also been vocal in his support of the western alliance, lending his backing, for example, to the NATO negotiating position at the INF talks in Geneva. Indeed it can be argued that in the interest of better relations with Washington Mr Nakasone has stretched the domestic constraints within which he operates to their limit. President Reagan probably appreciates this, just as he appreciates Mr Nakasone himself – the two men get on far better than most of their predecessors did. All the more reason then for President Reagan to turn his visit to good use, and to strengthen a friendship that Washington has been apt to neglect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of British Airways' routes

From Mr William Rodgers

Sir, Sir Adam Thomson has every right to claim for British Caledonian a share of BA's prime routes if privatisation goes ahead (report, November 4).

Fourteen years ago I was responsible, as Minister of State at the then Board of Trade, for determining civil aviation policy in the aftermath of the Edwards report.

The President of the Board, the late Anthony Crosland, and I both took the view that there was a strong case for a "second force" airline, although this was not popular with those of our Parliamentary colleagues who believed in state monopolies. In addition, we were much impressed by the quiet competence with which Adam Thomson had built Caledonian Airways.

As a result, the White Paper we prepared (it was published by Mr Crosland's successor) said that the Government would welcome the emergence of a second flag carrier on international routes.

However, our decisions fell short of what the independent sector wanted because we were against the transfer to the new airline of a significant part of the existing routes of BEA and BOAC. We took the view that as the state corporations earned profits for the taxpayer (or were sustained by him through hard times) it was wrong to give away valuable earning capacity.

I believe that argument was justified at the time and has been through most of the intervening period. But it falls as soon as British Airways is sold off to private shareholders, even if a management buy-out is arranged.

The White Paper of 1969 also created the Civil Aviation Authority and charged it with responsibility for shaping route networks and strengthening the industry's structure. The Government should now instruct the CAA to review BA's routes and make such transfers as would enable British Caledonian to come close to being an equal partner with British Airways.

This is the logic of privatisation and best sense in terms of competition policy. Nothing else would be consistent with the attitude of successive Governments to civil aviation over the years.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM RODGERS,
48 Patshull Road, NW5.
November 8.

Power vacuums in our colonial wake

From Lord Campbell of Eskan

Sir, Lord Home's letter today (November 4) raises a very serious question. Perhaps your leading article, from the cheap jibe about maces to "had there been any honesty left in Tanzania", will debase the currency of debate.

You seem to forget that the new nations, whose turbulent politics you treat so contemptuously, were all taught in the school of colonial government. This school, however arguable its virtues, was certainly not democratic.

How could anyone expect that fully fledged Westminster democracy would spring into life with the departure of the Governor? The inevitable retreat of colonialism has certainly left some power vacuums. The problem is how to avoid their being filled by the competing ideologies of the superpowers – ideologies largely irrelevant to the hopes and fears of the people concerned.

The United States, incidentally, have not been *conspicuous* in their concern for democracy in Chile and Nicaragua; and "Tanzania" has no monopoly in untruth.

Despite your moral certitude, United States intervention in Grenada must add greatly to the deep anxiety felt by countless people in this country at the prospect of United States control of weapons here.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF ESKAN,
Lawers, Crocker End,
Nettlebed,
Nr Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
November 4.

From Dr D. R. Pitcher

Sir, Your leader and Lord Home's letter (November 4) are timely. The evidence seems to be that the island government of Grenada was subverted, first by one and then by a more extreme Marxist faction, with the material support of the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The end result of the US-led invasion, the liberation of Grenada and the restoration of freedom and democracy is, or ought to be, welcomed as entirely desirable, even though we might entertain doubts about the means because of the apparent resemblance they bear to what the Soviet Union has done in Afghanistan.

The end result and aim in Grenada is obviously different from that sought by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan and elsewhere. The means, too, differ in certain fundamental respects, which need to be distinguished carefully and plainly formulated.

Is the free West to stand idly by whilst subversion of the kind we all know is practised by the Soviet Union and Marxists everywhere is allowed to succeed, whilst "the plague bacillus" of tyranny is allowed to become epidemic, simply because we lack a formula, a form of words, with which to demonstrate the legitimacy of our defence?

Might it not be possible for the legitimate democracies of the world to combine, to state in simple terms their repudiation of Marxism, and to agree in common that the advent in any one of them of any government by any means other than completely free elections sanctions the subsequent intervention by other free governments to restore liberty and democracy?

Yours sincerely,
D. R. PITCHER,
Academic Department of Psychiatry
Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine,
University of London,
Friern Hospital,
Friern Barnet Road, N11.

From Mr Lucian Camp

Sir, The more we hear about the Grenada affair, the odder it seems. Perhaps the oddest aspect of all is the behaviour of the Americans in the months before the invasion.

Trevor Fishlock's report (November 2) is by no means the only one to tell us that Maurice Bishop's government was immensely popular, generally successful and "increasingly moderate". Yet it appears that this was the government which the Americans, over a period of months, made contingency plans to overthrow by invasion.

It's surely reasonable to speculate that a rather friendlier attitude might have brought democracy to Grenada by much less painful means. And it does make one wonder how many other popular, successful and increasingly moderate governments the Americans have plans to overthrow.

Yours faithfully,
LUCIAN CAMP,
44 Howitt Road, NW3.
November 2.

Bombing run into world anarchy?

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative)

Sir, After the suicide bomb attack on United States marines in Beirut, to my amazement the President of the United States, no less, without knowing who was responsible, vowed the United States would seek revenge.

Your paper reports (November 5) that after Israel's military headquarters in Tyre was similarly attacked the Israeli Defence Minister said his country "would retaliate after an investigation determined who was responsible".

Without waiting for that investigation Israeli jets attacked targets in the Chouf Mountains, no doubt killing a considerable number of entirely innocent soldiers and civilians.

While totally condemning the two utterly evil suicide bomb attacks, I also deplore the calls for revenge and retaliation by such distinguished individuals. If they are apparently unaware of the principles of justice, and show total disrespect for the Charter of the United Nations, how are we to check the slide into international anarchy in this nuclear age?

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL D. TOWNSEND,
House of Commons.
November 5.

Farm tenancies

From the Reverend M. R. A. Wilson

Sir, An excellent letter you printed (October 25) on the decline of the farmer and tenant system. The wholeness of village life is adversely affected when family farmers disappear. In this part of England they are present in some villages, not in others, depending on the programme of the landowners and the chance of private ownership.

Church life suffers when it ceases to have members realistically and intimately concerned with the land and agriculture.

Agriculture and the land suffer as they become increasingly subject to economic criteria. The Small Farmers' Association, promoting the family farm, point to intangible values and satisfactions.

Part-time farming is a growing phenomenon in the West for other than economic reasons. The nation suffers as endemic urban unemployment goes along with rural underemployment.

The great problem that demands Government legislation is how to extend occupancy of the land; whether by the landlord/tenant system or any other way. Whichever is encouraged there must be written into it elements of a partnership, as landlord/tenant is at its best.

Equally needed is some form of fresh vision without which a new approach, however radical and imaginative, will soon become in its turn the sparring ground for opposing interest groups.

In fact three things are needed: unifying vision; appropriate legislation and structures; competition of individual and group interests.

Yours faithfully,
MERVYN WILSON, Secretary,
Rural Theology Association,
Bulwick Rectory,
Corby, Northamptonshire.
October 26.

Paper heritage

From Mrs Cynthia M. Short

Sir, The Society of Archivists, on whose behalf I write, has noted with concern the appeal by the Foundation for Age Research which appeared in *The Times* on October 25 (Information Service).

The aims of the foundation are entirely praiseworthy, but it is unfortunate that is has chosen to raise funds by appealing for documents for auction.

Archivists have laboured for many years, and with increasing success, to call attention to the value of what the foundation describes as our "documentary heritage". The written record of our past is the most important legacy left to us, for it constitutes nothing less than our national memory. However good the cause it would be sad indeed if the archive of individuals, families and institutions were damaged and fragmented by the abstraction of particular documents, letters, diaries and photographs.

Many owners of records are, of course, aware of their historical importance, but this society fears that there may be those who, wishing to help to finance research, may send individual items for auction without realizing that by so doing they are reducing the evidential value of their archives.

There is the further consideration that such individual items will probably be no longer available for scholars to consult, either now or in the future.

The society would therefore urge that any owners who are thinking or responding to the appeal by the foundation would first of all seek advice from their nearest record office, which can be located through town halls and county halls, or by contacting me.

Yours faithfully,
CYNTHIA SHORT,
Honorary Secretary,
Society of Archivists,
South Yorkshire County Record Office,
Ellin Street,
Sheffield.
November 1.

Remarriage in church of divorcees

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, Since the Dean of Exeter (November 5) read theology, and Dr Catchpole (November 5) actually teaches it, at a university, it is not for me (who did not) to argue with their, and the General Synod's declaration that divorce and remarriage are OK in principle for a Christian. The New Testament seems to say otherwise; but I am not a fundamentalist and am open to persuasion on the point.

What is disturbing, though, about the current Anglican debate about remarriage is that no one seems to be concerned that the General Synod approved the marriage service in the Alternative Service Book (1980), which endorsed the old 1662 Prayer Book's marriage vows ("Till death us do part"), but at the same time enunciated the principle that remarriage during the lifetime of an existing marriage partner was, in certain circumstances not easy to define, all right.

The Synod's declaration of principle was, therefore, a declaration that the words of the marriage service do not in fact really mean what they say. There is an issue of integrity here that everyone seems to shy away from; and it involves wider issues than that of marriage.

If the solemn undertakings made by bride and bridegroom are to be taken as no more than a vague statement of intent "unless circumstances change", why should the solemn undertakings made by parents and godparents at baptism, or by confirmation candidates, be taken any more seriously?

If the Church of England seriously and honestly wishes to implement the principle that remarriage is allowable, then the first step it must take is to alter the wording of the marriage service.

I fear that clerics (of whom of course I am one) are prone to forget that ordinary people, both believers and agnostics, expect solemn declarations to mean what they say; and the reason why the Church is in a muddle over marriage is because, since the Synod made its "theological" decision that remarriage during the lifetime of a previous partner is all right, the Church is officially saying two incompatible and contradictory things: that Christian marriage is "till death us do part", and that it isn't.

Unfortunately, people can perceive that there is an issue of integrity here that the Church refuses to face up to.

Yours faithfully,
GILES HUNT,
Preston Vicarage,
Preston Lane,
Faversham, Kent.

From Mrs Judith Paston

Sir, In 1981 my husband and I were married in a civil ceremony followed by a blessing in the church we attended, where we were both members of the choir.

As I was divorced we could not be married in church. However, I feel quite happy with this state of affairs and would not have wished otherwise.

In giving its blessing, the Church acknowledges the validity of civil marriage and shows forgiveness and encouragement to the couple concerned.

If remarriage in church is to be allowed, will the Church then withdraw the sevice of blessing to couples who either may be intimidated by the lengthy process of vetting by clergy and bishop envisaged in the new proposals or, having submitted themselves to it, *are met with refusal?*

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH PASTON,
4 Trinity Street,
Norwich.

From Mr Ancrum Evans

Sir, The principal objection to remarriage in church centres on the vows. I am unable to understand how the Christian vow can be given twice.

Consideration of this leads me to suggest that many marriages taking place in church should be downgraded to a civil marriage and a blessing by the omission of vows.

On this footing remarriage in church could follow in civil law, but those who pledged themselves to each other in the presence of God and in his name could not do so a second time.

Yours faithfully,
ANCRUM F. EVANS,
Harpley Green,
Clifton-on-Teme,
Near Worcester.

Risks at Greenham

From Mr Sean Doull-Connolly

Sir, Police officers were recently granted the right to shoot if they believe their target to be a wanted criminal who is "sufficiently dangerous". Now both Mr Heseltine and Mrs Thatcher tell us in Parliament that those who offer a risk to certain security installations themselves run the risk of being shot by the defence forces.

Whilst not a supporter of either CND or of Mr David Martin, surely I am not alone in wondering where these recent developments are leading us?

Yours faithfully,
SEAN DOULL–CONNOLLY,
213 Fox Lane,
Palmers Green, N13.
November 1.

Quietus for the Guy

From the Reverend F. H. Mountney

Sir, Your recent article by Miles Kington on Bonfire night (November 4) prompts me to express a strong feeling which arose when I was chaplain to the British Embassy in Bonn and watched the children of the Embassy prep school bring the figures of Guy Fawkes they had made to be thrown on the bonfire behind the Embassy.

This contrasted badly with the way German children of the Rhineland celebrate the departure of the sun with bonfires about the time of the feast of St Martin (November 11). They have long processions through the streets, carrying lanterns, with bands and St Martin riding on a horse.

Arrived at the bonfire, a beggar appears: St Martin divides his cloak and gives half to the beggar, and the Burgomeister then makes a speech exhorting the people to follow his example and give generously to help undeveloped nations.

Surely it is time that we in England gave up this ghoulish practice of throwing guys on the fire – it is not only a piece of discrimination against Roman Catholics in an age which is sensitive about such things, but also an encouragement to take pleasure in violence, of which we have more than enough.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
F. H. MOUNTNEY,
S Martin's,
44 London Road,
Harleston,
Norfolk.
November 5.

Funding kidney patients

From Mr M. A. Sutcliffe

Sir, Dr Bristow's letter (November 2), while commendable in its apparent desire to involve doctors more in the financial consequences of their decisions, is sadly (and, for a BMA spokesman, surprisingly) ill-informed; health authorities have been permitted since the mid-1970s to carry money forward from one year to the next and, while this ability is subject to limits, it has nevertheless been invaluable as an aid to sensible financial planning and to provide a buffer against the unexpected.

Similarly, a system of functional budgeting to enable transfers between different headings is also well established and the practice of encouraging units and departments to make savings which they can then redeploy to their own advantage is also very widespread.

However, I would entirely agree with Dr Bristow that even the best efforts of health authorities who try to plan ahead and manage their budgets on a functional basis are more than nullified by arbitrary and unpredictable Government cuts in both expenditure and manpower levels, particularly halfway through a financial year: these actions make nonsense of any forward planning.

The health service has been plagued for 10 years by reorganizations and Government tinkering; if the referee keeps blowing the whistle and changing the rules is it any wonder that the players are constantly in a state of confusion and cannot achieve a clear result, even at their home ground and in front of a friendly crowd?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SUTCLIFFE,
Unit Administrator,
Cheltenham General Hospital,
Sandford Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Vote for Gibraltarians

From Mr Eric Hoare

Sir, Having been in the forefront of the successful campaign to achieve UK citizenship for Gibraltarians, I feel that perhaps I may be in a position to give your readers a more balanced view than that contained in Dr Cecil Isola's letter to you (November 1).

Nearly 7,000 Gibraltarians have already registered as UK citizens without this affecting their Gibraltarian status in any way, the remainder not having done so because of a mistaken belief that they have to apply for a British passport at the same time and they are therefore waiting for their current Gibraltarian passports to fall due before applying for a UK one.

There are also a substantial number of Gibraltarians who have discovered, when applying for United Kingdom status, that they are in fact UK citizens in any case, by virtue of parentage or having been born in Britain, many of them in London, to which they were evacuated during the war from Gibraltar for "safety's sake".

Had the vast majority of Gibraltarians not signed a petition to parliament to be granted UK citizenship Dr Isola's argument would hold more water. We are indeed proud of the status which we now hold through an act of faith rather than through an accident of birth.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC HOARE,
10 Shorthorn Farm,
Europa Road, Gibraltar.

Jewish schools

From Councillor H. J. Lobenstein

Sir, Your editorial (November 1), "Secular and sectarian", provides an opportunity to dispel some popular misconceptions regarding the functions of orthodox Jewish schools, their place within the general educational network and their longstanding claim for Government-aided status.

Accepting the premise that orthodox Judaism is not merely a dogma involving a once-a-week synagogue attendance, but an all-embracing positive way of life, it follows that the orthodox Jewish schools' network inculcates into its pupils educational values which are consistent with this trend. Hence there is a desire to achieve high moral standards to counteract the inroads of the permissive society and a planned programme of teaching the children Jewish law, customs and ethics.

I hasten to add that this objective is not achieved at the expense of secular eduation, the standard of which is very high, as is borne out by highly satisfactory public examination results.

You say that "to non-Orthodox eyes the school's religious fervour, *its acceptance of a diminished and subordinate role for women* (my italics) are dismaying". This is a figment of the imagination as the place of Jewish womanhood is not subordinate but rather complementary to the status of men. Indeed, Jewish women are not rare in the teaching and other professions and many are highly trained and articulate in diverse walks of life.

It is true that most orthodox Jewish women derive their satisfaction from looking after the home and the family rather than employing a maid and baby-sitter, and for this they are rewarded by an above-average cohesive family life without the scourge of the generation gap which has bedevilled society in recent times.

Insistence by orthodox Jewish schools on single-sex education is not based on the subordination of women; it is in keeping with the pursuit of the same objective by other denominational and even non-denominational schools throughout London and elsewhere in the country.

Having said all that, I am not suggesting that there are no difficiencies in some of the orthodox Jewish schools. The buildings are not up to standard; textbooks are not always the most up-to-date and not all staff are technically qualified. Yet these deficiencies are not inherent in the school systems but are a direct result of a serious lack of financial resources.

It is a chicken and egg situation, and if the Yesodey Hatorah Girls' Primary School is granted aided status these shortcomings would automatically disappear.

May I add, in this context, that orthodox Jewish parents feel greatly aggrieved, in my view justifiably so, that they have to pay for London's educational needs by way of rates and taxes and at the same time have to make financial sacrifices by having to pay fees for their own children's education.

Yours sincerely,
H. J. LOBENSTEIN, Leader,
Conservative Opposition Group,
London Borough of Hackney,
Town Hall,
Mare Street, E8.
November 2.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 8: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Geoffrey Howe, MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) had an audience of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a special performance of *Blondel* at the Old Vic to mark the re-opening of the theatre.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 8: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning at Kensington Palace received the Lord Franks (Lord Warden of the Stannaries).

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 8: The Duke of Gloucester opened the Lydney Whitecross Sports Centre and visited the Norchard Steam Centre of Dean Forest Railway and in the afternoon visited Formwood Limited, Coleford, Gloucestershire. In the evening His Royal Highness was present at the Inaugural Dinner of City of London Business in the Community, at Mansion House, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will visit Papua New Guinea next year to open the new Parliament House on August 7th.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, will attend a gala evening at the Lakeside Country Club on November 23.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, will visit Leeds University on November 25.

The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, will open Worsley barracks on November 26, and will later visit the new Almshouses in Ogleforth, York.

The Duchess of Kent, as president, will attend the Congregation of Awards ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester on November 30, and in the evening will attend a performance of Benjamin Britten's *Gloriana* by the students of the college.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the new headquarters of the United Kingdom Committee fo UNICEF, at Lincoln's Inn Fields, on December 6.

A memorial to Charles Oman will be dedicated today at noon during a service of thanksgiving in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral.

Lord Thorneycroft, CH, has been presented with the insignia of the Order of the Sacred Treasure (First Class) by the Ambassador of Japan.

Mr Richard Baker will be signing copies of a new book *Inside BBC Television - a year behind the camera*, for which he has written an introduction, from 12.30 pm today in the Kodak Photographic Gallery, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1. An exhibition of photographs from the book (published by Webb & Bower/BBC TV at £12.95) will be on display in the gallery until January 18, 1984. Admission is free.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. R. Troubridge and The Hon R. Douglas-Pennant
The engagement is announced between Thomas Richard, only son of Sir Peter and the Hon Lady Troubridge, of The Manor House, Elsted, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Penrhyn, of Littleton Manor, Winchester.

Mr J. P. Asquith and Miss S. A. Negretti
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Paul, son of the Hon Paul Asquith, of London, SW, and Mrs James Bayley, of Wittersham, Kent, and Sarah Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Negretti, of Farringdon, Hampshire.

Mr T. D. Wilson and Miss V. Stogdale
The engagement is announced between Thomas David, elder son of Sir David Wilson, Bt, and Lady Wilson, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Valerie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs V. D. D. Stogdale, of Shotover, Oxford.

Mr W. N. Chrimes and Miss N. B. Fuad
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Chrimes, of Heswall, The Wirral, and Narin, daugher of Mr Justice Fuad and Mrs K. T. Fuad, of Hongkong.

Mr R. A. M. Constant and Miss M. M. Stuart
The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Major A. H. Constant and the late Mrs Constant, of Park Lodge, Aislaby, Whitby, Yorkshire, and Minette, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs D. J. A. Stuart, of La Massana, Principat, d'Andorra, formerly of Carwood, Biggar, Scotland.

Mr P. J. Cramer and Miss S. M. Alleyn
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Cramer, of Gerrards Cross, and Sara, daughter of the late Tim Alleyn and Mrs Margaret Alleyn, of Merstham, Surrey.

Mr R. Davis and Miss A. M. Pollock
The engagement is announced between Richard Davis, the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, younger son of Mrs Elizabeth Davis and the late Mr D. G. Davis, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs J. A. R. Pollock, of Little Eccleston, Lancashire.

Mr P. B. Roberts and Miss N. Stuart
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J. Roberts, of London, WC1, and Niki, daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Stuart, of Carlisle, Cumbria.

Mr P. R. Langsdale and Miss V. G. Marsland
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr R. E. Langsdale and the late Mrs Langsdale, of Wollaton, Nottingham, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Marsland, of Westbrook, Kent.

Mr C. H. Long and Miss N. D. Mealing
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Long, of Lanchester, co Durham, and Nina, eldest daughter of the late Mr W. H. Mealing and Mrs E. Mealing, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Lieutenant-Commander W. J. R. Pennefather, RN, and Mrs P. Singer
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Captain R. R. S. Pennefather, RN, and Mrs Pennefather, of White Barn, Crow Hill, Ringwood, and Patricia, daughter of the late Captain J. O. Needham and of Mrs M. Needham, of 13 Voltaire, Kew Gardens, Surrey.

Mr P. Talbot and Miss L. S. C. Howe
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of the late Mr M. Talbot and of Mrs Talbot, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Louise, daughter of the late Mr R. E. Howe and of Mrs C. C. Howe, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr P. D. White and Miss F. E. Lunn
The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L. S. White, of Oxenbourne House, East Meon, Hampshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Lunn, of Cleverleys Farmhouse, West Meon, Hampshire.

Major D. A. Wynne Davies and Miss S. P. Ebery
The engagement is announced between David Wynne Davies, The Light Infantry, son of the late G. Wynne Davies and of Mrs I. C. Tew, of Lansdown, Bath, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Ebery, of St Mary, Jersey.

Marriages

Captain A. F. Matheson and Miss K. D. M. Oswald
The Queen was present at the reception and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent were present at the marriage which took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Captain Alexander Matheson, Coldstream Guards, son of Major and the Hon Mrs Fergus Matheson, of Hedenham Old Rectory, Bungay, Suffolk, and Miss Katharine Oswald, daughter of Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald, of Flitcham Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk. The Right Rev Hugh Blackburne, the Rev Neville Thomas and the Rev Gervase Murphy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by James Willoughby, Tom Barclay, David Marsham, Mara Thompson, Katie Critchley-Salmonson, Nicloa Paine, the Hon Louisa Crossley, the Hon Louise Vane, Miss Natasha Oswald and Miss Miranda Leatham. A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers of the Coldstream Guards and Captain Charles Bucknall, The Blues and Royals, was best man.

A reception was held at St James's Palace and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr P. Goodbody and Mrs E. Neocleous-McMorran
The marriage took place on Tuesday, November 1, in London, between Mr Peter Goodbody and Mrs Erato Neocleous-McMorran.

Mr E. H. B. Studd and Mrs M. Pitman
The marriage took place in London on November 4, 1983, of Mr Edward Haggie Burdon Studd and Mrs Monica Pitman.

Facing the public: The three sculptures judged the best of those made by members of the public visiting the "Making Sculpture" event at the Tate Gallery this summer have been cast in bronze and were presented to their creators yesterday before going on display at the gallery. From left, with their works, Mr Paul Yapp, aged 31, Sean Williamson, aged 11, and Kirsten Flanagan, aged 13. (Photograph: John Manning).

Birthdays today

The Right Rev A. J. Adams, 68; Mr Kenneth Ashton, 58; Lord Brabourne, 59; Viscount Brookeborough, 61; Mr David Constant, 42; Professor J. A. Dudgeon, 67; Sir Robin Gillett, 58; Mr Ronald Harwood, 49; Miss Katharine Hepburn, 74; Mr A. A. Horne, 58; Mr Hugh Leonard, 57; Air Vice-Marshal K. G. Nairn, 85; Dame Kathleen Raven, 73; Mr Donald Trelford, 46; Viscount Weir, 50; Mr Tom Weiskopf, 41.

Latest wills

Chariclea Mimina Knowles, of Westward Ho!, Devon, the singer whose stage name was Dolly Knowles or Dolly Scouloudi, left estate valued at £310,739 net. She left all her Masefield and Binyon books, papers, letters and other items, to Exeter University library.

Air Marshal **Sir Gilbert Edward Nicholetts**, of Wareham, Dorset, a pioneer of flying-boats, left estate valued at £208,132 net. Sir Gilbert set a world air record with Squadron Leader O. R. Gayford in Febuary 1933, when they flew a Fairey long-range monoplane 5,431 miles non-stop from Cranwell to Walvis Bay, South West Africa, in 57 hours and 25 minutes. He became Assistant Officer Commanding Malta and Deputy Commander in Chief (Air), Allied Forces, Mediterranean from 1956 to 1957, and then Inspector-General, RAF.

Mrs **Veronica Alison Pearson**, of West Brompton, London, left estate valued at £313,847 net. She left £10,000 to Trinity College, Cambridge, for conservation of the college buildings, in memory of her father Professor J. N. Langley.

Mr **Albert John Ernest Lyles**, of Richmond, London, printer, left estate valued at £116,766 net. He left all of his property equally between the Cancer Research Campaign, the Cyclists Touring Club and the Youth Hostels Association.

Mr **David Mosey Nesfield**, farmer, of Market Weighton, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £589,153 net.

Rosemary Elizabeth Atkins, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £558,093 net.

Taylor, Dr Frank Martin Hussey, of Kensington, London, former Master of the Patternmakers' Company, £576,903.

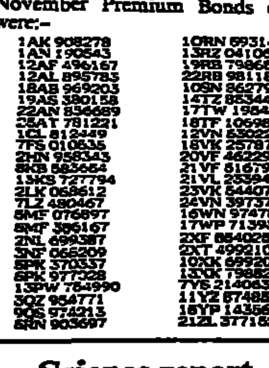
Mrs **Mary Catherine Shoveller**, of Lovedean, Portmouth, Hampshire, left estate valued at £107,719 net. She left £6,000 to personal legatees, and the residue to the Sue Ryder Foundation at Bordean House, Langrish, Petersfield.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Bannister, Mr William Gerard, of Cranbrook, Kent £263,494
Gilbart-Denham, Diana Mary, of Rye, East Sussex, intestate £218,709
Radford, Mr William Roy, of Chelmsford, Essex £212,953
Shuttleworth, Lieutenant Commander John Ashton, RN, of Hathersage, Derbyshire £240,460
Stella, Mr Leonard, of Edgware, London £237,686
Verney, Mr John Albert William, of Bishops Tawton, Devon £306,138

Premium Bonds

The £5,000 winners in the November Premium Bonds draw were:–



1AK 908278	10RN 693146
1AN 190543	13RZ 041068
12AF 496167	19RB 798686
12AL 895783	22RB 981180
18AB 969203	10SN 862796
19AS 380158	14TZ 853446
22AN 836689	17TW 198481
25AT 781221	18TF 106989
1CL 812449	12VN 630224
7FS 010636	18VK 257879
2HN 958343	20VF 462291
8KB 583664	21VF 516795
13KS 727794	21VL 253941
2LK 068612	23VK 544072
7LZ 480467	24VN 397377
5MF 076897	16WN 974780
8MF 386167	17WP 713936
2NL 699387	2XF 884028
3NF 066209	2XT 499210
5PK 370337	10XK 699200
6PK 977328	13XK 798824
13PW 784990	7YS 214063
3QZ 954771	11YZ 874880
9QS 974213	18YP 143568
5RN 903697	21ZL 377182

Reception

St Michael's College, Llandaff
Members of the Council of St Michael's College, Llandaff, and past and present members of the college attended a reception on Monday at the college, preceded by a service of thanksgiving in Llandaff Cathedral for the restoration of the college chapel, which was rededicated by the visitor and chairman of the college council, the Bishop of Llandaff.

Dinners

Anglo-Netherlands Society
Sir Hugh Casson and Professor Bachrach were guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Netherlands Society held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club yesterday. The guests were received by the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, president, and Lady Barbara Bossom, and Mrs David Summerhayes, chairman, and Mr David Summerhayes.

Among those present were:
The Netherlands Ambassador and Mme Huydecoper, Sir Peter Garran, the Hon Richard and Mrs Beaumont, Mrs McClure Smith, Mr and Mrs Van Gelein Vitringa, Mr A J Van der Stadt and Vice Admiral and Mrs Van den Bergh.

General Dental Council
Sir Frank Lawton, president, and members of the General Dental Council held a dinner at 37 Wimpole Street last night. The guests were Sir John Walton, President of the General Medical Council, Professor Brian Cooke, Mr George Gibb, Mr Anthony Reece and Mr Selwyn Taylor.

Council of the Catholic Societies
The Council of the Catholic Societies of the Church of England held a dinner to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Oxford Movement at Church House, Westminster, last night. The guests were the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Chichester and the Bishop of Leicester. The Rev John Milburn, chairman of the council, presided.

United and Cecil Club
Lord Home of the Hirsel, President of the United and Cecil Club, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by the club at the Carlton Club last night. Mr Brian Goswell, chairman, presided and the Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, also spoke.

Among others present were:
Lord Norreys, Lord Michael Cecil, Lady Home of the Hirsel, Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Harvington, Sir Humphrey and Lady Atkins, Sir John and Lady Grugeon, Sir Graham Rowlandson, Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, and Mrs Chapman, Mrs Brian Goswell, Mr Alexander Macmillan, Mr and Mrs Stephen Norris, Mr and Mrs Christopher Ward, Mr and Mrs Roger White, Mr Richard Simmonds, MEP, and Mrs Simmonds.

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee
The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee held its annual dinner yesterday evening at the St Ermin's Hotel, SW1. Mr David Sharpe, chairman of the committee, presided. The guests included: Mr Kenneth Clarke QC, Minister for Health, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Baroness Jeger, Lord Perry of Walton, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, MP, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, Lord Ennals, Mr John Hannam, MP, Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP, Mr Alf Morris, MP, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP, Mr Tom Sackville, MP, Mrs Renee Short, MP, Mr Roger Sims, MP, Dr Gerard Vaughan, MP, and Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP.

Television and Radio Industries Club
Lord Thomson of Monifieth, President of the Television and Radio Industries Club, and Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, was host at a dinner given at the IBA yesterday for the Committee of the Television and Radio Industries Club.

Members of the committee present were:
Mr Ernest Brown, Mr Don Graham, Mr John Perkins, Mr John Record and Mr Iain Sutherland (vice-presidents); Mr Baron Sewler (chairman), Mr Reg Watson (vice-chairman), Mr Derrick Stansby (honorary treasurer), Mr Tom Edom, Mr Bill Farley, Mr Brian Hill-Samuel, Mr Terry Mobbs, Mr Bryan Quilter, Mr George Stone, Mr Brian Tesler, Mr John Whitney, Mr David Hobbs (publicity officer) and Mr Barrie Hall (secretary).

David Moorcroft, the athlete, holder of the world 5,000 metres record, with his wife, Linda, at Buckingham Palace yesterday, after he was invested with the CBE.

Also at the investiture, which was conducted by the Queen, were (below, left) Dame Mary Donaldson, the first woman to be elected Lord Mayor of London since the office was instituted in 1192, and (right) Mrs Margaret Rule, the archaeologist who directed the raising of the Tudor warship, the Mary Rose, from the Solent, through 17 years of salvage work. Both women were invested with the OBE.







Church news

Appointments

The Rev R N Whittingham, formerly Vicar, Shareshill, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar, Silverdale, and also Priest-in-charge, Alsagers Bank, same diocese.

The Rev E Wilkes, Vicar, Orford, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar, Shepton Beauchamp with Barrington with Puckington and Stocklinch, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev W B Wilkinson, Rector, Clifton Team Ministry, Nottingham, diocese of Southwell, to be also an Honorary Canon of Southwell Minster, same diocese.

The Rev J S Wilson, Vicar, St George, Worthing, diocese of Chichester, to be Priest-in-charge, East Ravendale Group, diocese of Lincoln.

Withdrawal of acceptance of living

The Rev J Cull, Rector, Woodchester, diocese of Gloucester has withdrawn his acceptance of the living of All Saints, Springfield, diocese of Chelmsford.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev G E Chippington, Rector, Milton Damerel with Newton St Petrock, Abbots Bickington and Bulkworthy, diocese of Exeter, to retire on December 31.

The Rev S H Hamilton, Rector, Awliscombe, diocese of Exeter, retired on October 31.

The Rev G A Smith has resigned his curacy at Milton Abbot, diocese of Exeter. He now holds the Bishop's permission to officiate, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev P C Rose, Team Vicar, Great Grimsby Team Ministry, diocese of Lincoln, to resign.

The Canon D Webster, Canon Residentiary, St Paul's Cathedral, London, to resign his Canonry on June 30, 1984.

University news

Newcastle
Grants
Science and Engineering Research Council: £92,750 to Professor A G J Holt to study digital signal processing for communications using microprocessors and VLSI; £1,801,000 to Professor J B Caldwell for marine technology programme; £68,600 to Dr A Hendry and Professor K H Jack to study application of transmission electron microscopy in materials science.
Lloyds Register of Shipping: £63,225 to Professor R V Thompson for an investigation of the effects of burning residual fuels in diesel engines.
Commission of European Communities: £56,300 to Professor K H Jack to study new hard metals for cutting and non-cutting applications.
Electric Power Research Institute: $80,113 to Professor R N Parkins to study the effects of dynamic on crack-tip chemistry.
Lucas Cookson Syalon Ltd: £85,848 to Professor K H Jack to study nitrogen ceramics.

Liverpool
Grants
Wellcome Trust: £47,919 to Dr P H Cobbold for aequorin studies of oncogene-induced changes in cytoplasmic free Ca^{2+} in mammalian cells.
Department of Employment: £95,000 to Mr K Roberts for youth labour markets.

Sheffield
Britain's first Centre for Reformation Studies was opened by the Earl of Scarborough on October 31, Reformation Day.

Established by Emeritus Professor James Atkinson in association with the university and the churches, the centre will present lectures and courses on Reformation and Renaissance studies.

Queen's, Belfast
Appointment
Lectureships: Mrs A D Bennett, BA (Open) (social work); S J Gardiner, MSc, PhD (Belf) (agricultural biometrics); C F Johnson, BSc, PhD (Belf) (metabolic medicine); I Boyd, BSc, PhD, (Belf) (electrical and electronic engineering); P D Tame, BA, PhD (Lond) (French).

Nottingham
Professor Maurice Craft, chairman of the School of Education, has been appointed a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, succeeding Professor John Heywood Thomas.
Grants
Science and Engineering Research Council: £90,886 to cover nationally agreed salary awards to several departments.
Action Research for the Crippled Child: £51,066 to Professor RAB Mollan for research on neonatal screening for congenital dislocation of the hip.

OBITUARY

MR ROY BORNEMAN, QC
Distinguished tax lawyer

Mr Roy Borneman, QC, who died on November 1 after a short illness, was one of the country's leading tax lawyers.

He was born a Londoner in 1904 and educated at University College, Reading, and University College, London. In 1929 he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn and joined the chambers of Norman Birkett, QC, the future Lord Birkett. At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the RAF and served throughout the hostilities in Bomber Command, in the Middle East and in Italy, rising to the rank of Wing-Commander.

After the war he joined the chambers of Mr Frank Heyworth Talbot, QC, and his practice shifted from Common Law to the complex and technical field of Revenue law. He became a Queen's Counsel in 1952. Soon he was among the foremost leaders of the Revenue Bar, and in 1960 he was appointed chairman of the Board of Referees and the newly constituted Finance Act 1960 Tribunal with jurisdiction to hear appeals from the Income Tax Special Commissioners.

He was also chairman of the General Commissioners for the Division of Gray's Inn. His practice frequently took him before the House of Lords.

Borneman was notably methodical in his work, clear and forceful in his advocacy, though always pleasant. In private, impatience with the shortcomings of colleagues would sometimes make him peppery, a characteristic reflected in the motto he chose for his coat of arms: *"Fortiter in re"*.

He was elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 1958 and served as Treasurer in 1972, shortly after his early retirement from the Bar. This gave him leisure to indulge his passion for wide-ranging travel, to the eastern Mediterranean, South America, Asia and West Africa. Borneman had a particular devotion to elephants.

He had a discriminating love of music and about the time of his retirement set himself to learn the cello. He was also a keen golfer and gardener at his country homes, first in West Sussex and then in Buckinghamshire. He remained active and remarkably young-looking.

He leaves two sons by his first marriage to Winifred Dixon, daughter of Dr William Hunter. His second marriage was to Sarah Anderson, daughter of Thomas Paterson.

GERMAINE TAILLEFERRE

Germaine Tailleferre, the French composer who died in Paris on November 6 at the age of 91 was the last surviving member of Les Six, the group which gave new stimulus to French music in the 1920s.

Born on April 19, 1892, Germaine Tailleferre attended the Paris Conservatoire where she studied under Milhaud and also met Auric and Honegger, all to become fellow members of Les Six. Poulenc and Durey were the other members of the group which had begun life as Les nouveaux jeunes and as such featured a string quartet of Tailleferre's in 1918.

Germaine Tailleferre gladly emancipated herself of the academic constraints of the Conservatoire, embracing the programme of crispness, straightforwardness, openness to everyday life and particularly to popular musical forms such as jazz, which Les Six set itself.

She also essayed polytonality and serialism, though without ever completely turning her back on the traditions of Fauré and Ravel in which she had been nurtured.

Her string quartet of 1918 was followed by the "Jeux de plein air" for two pianos, in the same year, and in 1921 she contributed to a stage work combining drama and ballet *Les mariés de la tour Eiffel*, a Les Six collaboration, written and choreographed by Cocteau, the group's mentor and enthusiastic promoter.

The spontaneity and freshness of Les Six remained with her and continued to be evident in later works which included further ballets and pieces for the stage while her grace and sense of humour were typified by her "Six chansons françaises" of 1930.

Her clarinet sonata of 1958 was one of the results of her interest in serialism, and *Le Maitre* (1961) was a chamber opera with a text by Ionesco.

CARDINAL UMBERTO MOZZONI

Cardinal Umberto Mozzoni who died in Rome on November 7 at the age of 79, was one of the Vatican's authorities on Latin America and had done important work improving the security of foreign missionaries working in South America.

Mozzoni was born in Buenos Aires of Italian immigrant parents but returned to Italy as a child and after studying at a seminary was ordained priest in 1927. He then spent some time as a parish priest in Italy before joining the Vatican diplomatic service.

He subsequently served at the apostolic delegation in Canada where he learned his English, which made him a natural choice as First Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation in London, where he was posted in 1938. He later worked in a similar capacity in Portugal until 1954 when Pope Pius XII named him Papal Nuncio to Bolivia.

Here for the next four years he worked for the protection of foreign missionaries before moving to Argentina where he served for 11 years. During this time he drew up an agreement which for the first time gave the Roman Catholic church a free hand in the nominations of its bishops in Argentina.

In Brazil, where he was posted in 1969 he continued his work of ensuring the security of missionaries, in particular organising support for the work of missionaries operating in the Amazon forests.

He was created a Cardinal in 1973 by Pope Paul VI, and returned to Italy where latterly he had been president of the sanctuaries of Pompeii and Loreto.

DR MARGARET ADAMS

Dr Margaret Adams, OBE, who died on November 1 at the age of 88, was head mistress of Croydon High School from 1939 to 1960. Prior to that she had been for twelve years head mistress of Queen Mary High School, Liverpool.

A former president of the Association of Head Mistresses she served on several government committees concerned with education and interested herself in education world wide, lecturing in the United States and, under the auspices of the British Council, in many other countries.

She had also travelled to China and the USSR to study the education systems of those countries and was a delegate to conferences of the World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession in different parts of the world.

Science report

Immortalizing one of the world's healthiest tribes

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An opportuntiy to compare the pattern of illness among "Stone-age" and twentieth-century populations, from the incidence of tooth decay to organic disorders, has occurred in South America. The chance arose with the discovery of the Waorani tribe of Indians who inhabit the dense upper jungle of the Amazon and who probably had not come in contact with another culture until 15 years ago, when missionaries, oil prospectors and scientists began to reach them.

Since then, the Waorani have been given occasional Western medical treatment by visiting doctors, including Dr James Larrick and his wife Dr Kathy Burck. The doctors are also doing medical research. In addition to treating Waorani patients, they are collecting hundreds of blood samples and specimens of tissue and teeth, which are being analysed in different laboratories in the United States.

The work is at an interim stage, but the results suggest that the Waorani are among the world's healthiest people. There is no discernible sign of heart disease, cancer, strokes or diabetes. However, the Waorani do have badly decaying teeth. Dr Larrick attributes that probably to a diet high in the natural sugars from which the acids are produced that erode tooth enamel.

Tests are being made for less obvious explanations, however, for the decay may involve, for example, a deficiency or excess of an enzyme that the Waorani might have because of their make-up. Samples of dental plaque, saliva and teeth are being examined at the National Institute of Dental Research, Rockville, Maryland, and some preliminary evidence suggests the tribe may lack a salivary glycoprotein which provides resistance to dental caries.

The main thrust of the research, however, is to assemble as quickly as possible all the information on the genetic constitution of the Waorani before the changes brought by contact with outsiders take effect.

Dr Larrick and Dr Burck's specialist expertise is in molecular genetics, in which they conduct research at the Cetus Immune Research Institute, Palo Alton, California. They have employed genetic engineering methods developed there and at other university research centres to take cell cultures from tissues of the Waorani to create immortal cell lines.

The technique of making immortal cell lines has become a vital part of research by geneticists studying members of families in which disorders such as muscular dystrophy, sickle cell anaemia and thalassemia occur. Immortal cell lines are created by incorporating a virus with the cultured cells so that the cells keep replicating.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Is Eagle Star's fate just a matter of price?

The West German insurance group Allianz Versicherungs did not unveil a new bid for Eagle Star Holdings yesterday. After chalking up Eagle Star shares 12p to a peak of 614p the market was looking for an advance on Allianz's original 500p per share offer that would at least match the 575p per share offered by BAT Industries and welcomed by Eagle Star.

Instead, Allianz confirmed that it is giving serious consideration to increasing its offer, reaffirmed its commitment to its 30 per cent investment in Eagle Star and repeated that it was not in the business of making short-term profits (about £110m if Allianz sold at BAT's offer price).

Allianz will not make a further statement until the Office of Fair Trading has indicated that it is not the intention of Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to refer the bid to the Monopolies Commission.

It wants detailed information on Eagle Star's business and prospects, in accordance with City takeover rules which require that each bidder has access to the same information about the target company. Allianz suspects that more information has been given to BAT.

Third, Allianz wants to see BAT's formal offer document, due later this week, or early next week, and a considered response from the Eagle Star board to its own and also BAT's bid. Finally, Allianz wants assurance from the Department of Trade and Industry that the takeover of Eagle Star meets the requirements of British insurance law.

Effectively the Allianz statement means that there is little chance of any further action until the middle of next week at the earliest. In the meantime it will have to extend its original offer of 500p per share beyond Saturday's first closing date.

If Allianz does stay in the ring, Sir Denis Mountain and his Eagle Star colleagues will presumably activate the publicity campaign already prepared by Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency.



Maurice Saatchi: publicity campaign ready to go

The themes of this campaign are interesting in themselves.

The first argument is that Allianz is, or certainly was, trying to buy Eagle Star on the cheap. The original price of 500p is obviously no longer a live issue, but unless Allianz makes a serious bid for the whole of the Eagle Star equity it does not already own, the argument would still have validity.

The campaign would highlight the different treatment a British insurer would receive if it tried invaded the German market. It would emphasize the important place Eagle Star has in the British insurance industry.

This campaign, if it is launched, would help crystallize the debate on the City of London as an open city – open in the sense that all City firms are available to the highest bidder, from foreign in addition to native. There cannot easily be one set of rules for Citicorp and Vickers da Costa and another for Allianz and Eagle Star. Or can there?

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First things first at Guinness Peat

The fate of Guinness Peat hangs in the balance. Mr Alastir Morton arrived almost two years ago at the behest of an unhappy chairman, Mr Edmund Dell, the former Labour Cabinet Minister. Mr Morton has hacked away the undergrowth of debt that threatened to strangle the company and beaten opponents of his management style into something near passive acceptance. He is now just one step away from power to mould the group in his own image.

If Guinness Peat's intended bid for the Moorside Trust is sanctioned by its own shareholders at the extraordinary meeting next Tuesday, he will have succeeded in diluting the shareholdings of Lord Kissin and others who have the muscle to question Mr Morton's dicisions.

It is true that Guinness Peat's tangled and increasingly sorry affairs in the last five y ears have borne the marks of a family quarrel. Lord Kissin put Guinness Peat together in the first place, chose Mr Dell as his successor and proceeded to leave him too little room to show his true paces. The next compromise was Mr Morton.

As chief executive (for the time he combined that role with the chairman), Mr Morton is not the sort of man who willingly suffers any kind of opposition. Surprisingly, he has also shown to be a master at public persuasion. The impression has been successfully created that the choice before Guinness Peate's shareholders is simple: forward with Mr Morton who has rescued Guinness Peat from near oblivion or backward with his opponents, led by Lord Kissin, whose sole ambition is to be restored to power as chairman.

This is not the choice. The company's shareholders, who have to send in their Moorside proxies by the end of this week, should ask themselves simply whether the terms of the Moorside acquisition are fair to them. In my view they are not. They might also consider whether by supporting Mr Morton's Moorside scheme they might preclude a takeover bid.

NEWS IN BRIEF

GrandMet buys tour operator

Travelscene, the largest privately-owned British-based tour operator in package holidays, has been taken over by Grand Metropolitan at an undisclosed price.

The ten-year-old company, built by Mr John Mansell and Mr Joe Montfort, is now carrying 100,000 people a year on short-break holidays in Europe.

Grand Metropolitan which plans to export Travelscene's operations has been building its holiday interest. Its three other holiday operations are Nova Holidays, Warners and Stardust Camelot.

● **Leading** British clearing banks will finally commit themselves today to a new loan to Brazil worth about $500m, well-placed London sources said. Midland, National Westminster and Barclays are expected to send confirmation Brazil telex.

● **Mr Charles Tidbury** is to step down as chairman of Whitbread, the brewing group, next July. He will be succeeded by Mr Sam Whitbread who is to become deputy chairman meanwhile. The group yesterday reported a rise in half-year pretax profits from £43.9m to £50m.

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● **Britain** is to provide £7m in aid to Bangladesh for a seismic survey of potential oil reserves near the mouth of the Ganges. The survey will be made by Horizon Exploration, of Swanley, Kent.

● **The number** of building societies is declining at a rate of 9 per cent a year and the trend towards mergers will continue, the Building Societies Association said. The ten biggest societies now control nearly three-quarters of the industry's total assets, compared with under half in 1950.

New City group to help start small businesses

By Vivien Goldsmith

Sir Anthony Jolliffe, Lord Mayor of London, yesterday launched a new organization to harness the City's expertise and goodwill to create small businesses and tackle youth unemployment.

Called City of London Business in the Community, it will work through existing organisations such as youth training schemes, the London Enterprise Agency and the London Chamber of Commerce. The new group is to be a branch of the older Business in the Community.

Although Sir Anthony's year of office comes to an end this week, he is committed to remain chairman of the group for five years. Mr Neville Bedford, the group's executive director, has been seconded from the Bank of England. He is being supported by Mr Peter Roberts, from BAT, and Mrs Sarah Darling, from British Petroleum.

Business in the Community was formed in 1981 and had support throughout the country. But the new City branch has an option on a third vessel.

But the new City branch has special skills in financial management and hopes to be able to offer soft loans.

Three small workshop projects are currently being investigated. Sir Anthony pinpointed Smithfield, the meat market area just inside the City's boundaries, as a breeding ground for small businesses.

"The large numbers of people now unemployed and the decay in the inner cities are major social and economic problems facing the United Kingdom in this decade. It is my belief that these problems can be tackled and that industry and commerce has a vital role to play," said Sir Anthony who will also be visiting schools to encourage school leavers who may be resigned to the dole. "Any job is better than no job. I want to break down the idea that you must not get your hands dirty."

Lloyd's may link its members' minimum wealth to inflation

By Andrew Cornelius

Lloyd's of London is considering index-linking the amount of wealth that members must prove they possess before they are allowed to join the insurance market.

The present system, whereby each of the 21,000 members must show wealth of £100,000, has not been changed since 1978. Had inflation been taken into account, the £100,000 would by now have become £172,000.

Lloyd's has been considering index-linking as part of a total review of entry requirements for the market. Mr Ian Davison, chief executive of Lloyd's, said yesterday that the review would be completed by the end of next year.

He said, however, that the ruling council of Lloyd's had already agreed to increase the maximum amount of funds that members can show from £225,000 to £300,000 for the 1985 underwriting year. They are allowed to invest double the wealth they show.

The average return for members of the market is £900 for each £10,000 invested, according to the latest figures from Lloyd's. However, many of the wealthy "names" (the 17,000 non-working members) who have met the entry requirements have suffered losses in recent years.

The most recent examples included the tennis stars, Mr Mark Cox and Miss Virginia Wade, who invested in syndicate 895, which incurred losses of £13.1m before it ceased trading at the end of last year. They and other "names" who backed the syndicate stand to lose an average of £60,000 each.

More recently, problems have been uncovered at the Oakeley Vaughan Agency, whose names include the jockey, Mr Lester Piggott.

Yet, despite the risks, Lloyd's expects another 2,200 names to join the insurance market next year.

When the entry requirements were last changed, in 1978, the minimum wealth figure was increased from £70,000. At the same time, the membership committee also determined that at least 60 per cent of the wealth had to be in cash or government securities, with the rest in property or valuable items, such as works of art, but not including the family home.



Ian Davison: "Maximum funds will be increased"

Lloyd's first demanded that members should prove their wealth in 1903, when each member had to be worth at least £2,000.

The membership committee frequently reviews the entry requirements, but Mr Davison has been keen to establish a system, as part of the more wide-ranging administrative reforms he is introducing at Lloyds, whereby the requirements are constantly updated in line with inflation.

As part of this process, he said yesterday that Lloyds is to computerize all its underwriting and broking systems within the next five years. Lloyd's would launch six pilot schemes next year, each costing about £25,000.

He said that Lloyd's had no alternative. "All other markets are computerized and we need to take this step to remain competitive in world insurance markets".

Lloyd's is spending about £3m a year on updating its computer systems, and estimates that each underwriting box will have to invest £10,000 a year to "plug in" to the new system.

Once the system is introduced – in the new £157m Lloyd's building due to open at the end of 1985 – the Lloyd's authorities will be able to watch all transactions in the market and spot immediately any cases of overtrading by individual syndicates.

M3 setback on interest rate hopes

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

Industry's hopes for an early cut in interest rates were dashed yesterday by the announcement that the Government's main measure of money growth, sterling M3, rose sharply last month, almost reaching the top of its permitted target range.

The estimated 1.5 per cent increase in the four weeks to mid-October was bigger than many in the City had expected and the news caused an initial flurry in the gilt mmarket, where prices fell by up to £½, before calmer counsels prevailed.

The latest figures are not expected to lead to pressure for any rise in interest rates. But the Bank of England will no doubt claim that the figures amply vindicate its earlier caution in holding back the last half-point cut in bank base lending rates to 9 per cent a month ago, especially since American rates are now expected to remain at high levels, keeping the poind under pressure.

Sterling M3 has risen at an annual rate of 10.75 per cent since the 7 to 11 per cent target period began in FGebruary. This compares with 9.7 per cent in September when the money supply fell by 0.4 per cent.

The other target money measures are all well above the permitted range, with the narrow money aggregate, M1, up 1.5 per cent last month (12.75 per cent at an annual rate), and the broad measure of private sector liquidity, PSL2, up 1 per cent (13 per cent annualized since February).

The main reason for the rapid growth of the money supply in October is likely to have been a sharp increase in bank lending to the private sector. Detailed figures are not published until next week but the Government is thought to have sold enough gilts and National Savings papers to cover most of its own borrowing.

This would suggest total bank lending last month of between £1,250m and £1,500m.

Separate figures from the London clearing banks put the underlying rise in their lending last month at only £225m or so, most of it to personal borrowers.

Figures for growth of the monetary base, M0 (notes and coins and banks' till money) – which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, recently suggested might be used to help guide decisions on interest rates – will not be published until next week. But the weekly returns from the Bank of England suggest this measure will show a fall for last month after a sharp increase in September.

MONEY GROWTH

	% increase Oct 83	% increase at annual rate Feb-Oct 83
M1	1½	12¾
£M3	1½	10¾
PSL2	1	13
target range Feb 83 to April 84 at annual rate		7-11

Source: Bank of England

Yarrow 'would study buying shipyards'

By Philip Robinson

Yarrow, the former builders of naval ships, said yesterday it would seriously consider any Government proposal to buy back its yards, nationalized in 1977.

But the group, headed by Sir Eric Yarrow, warned that until proposals for privatization were known, it was impossible to express a firm view.

Mr Iain Mann, the finance director, said: "We have not been contacted by the Government in any way on this matter. These assets were taken from us at a ridiculously low price and our interest would clearly depend on the detail of the proposals."

Yarrow and five other British companies are still taking action against the British Government through the European Human Rights Commission for higher compensation. Yarrow has been paid £6m so far in Government securities, but an independent valuation has put the 1977 value of those assets at £16m. After six years, the company is claiming a figure nearer £25m.

For the past ten months, the European Commission of Human Rights has been looking at the evidence. Yarrow says it is inhibited from adding anything more until the commission's report is published. However the case may ultimately be referred to the European Court of Human Rights.

Yarrow points out that since 1977, its former assets have generated £45.7m of post-tax profits, of which £29.7m has been paid in dividends to British Shipbuilders. Over the same period, Yarrow has received £1.74m in dividend payments from the gilt-edged stock it received as compensation.

Sir Eric: still appealing to human rights commission

However, for the 12 months to the end of last June, profit investment sales kept the group £1.25m in the black at the pretax level. The figure was up from £806,000 for the same period a year ago.

At the trading level, although two group companies improved their profits, to £1m, a serious loss was made on Automatic Revenue Controls (ARC), which makes electric security systems.

It resulted in an overall group loss of £593,000, against a £115,000 loss last time. Turnover was barely changed at £21m.

Yarrow is lifting its total dividend by 11 per cent to 10p. The shares jumped 13p to 328p.

Dow drifts in early trading

New York – (AP-Dow Jones). – Shares showed little movement on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday after drifting throughout the morning.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 3.5 points to 1,218. But the transportn and utility averages showed fractional losses.

Declines were 7-to-5 ahead of rising shares in quiet trading.

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General Motors was down ¾ to 74½. **Digital Equipment** up 1⅜, at 69, **Data General**, unchanged at 72¾, **Teledyne**, up ¼, to 160⅞, **Commodore International**, up 1⅛, to 33¾, **Katy Industries**, off ⅞, to 23½, **Western Union**, up 1½, to 38⅛, and **Rohm & Haas** down 1½ to 64½.

International Business Machines was 122⅜, up ⅜, **American Telephone Telegraph**, 62⅛, up ⅝, **Cooper Laboratories**, 27¾, down 1¾, **Burlington Northern**, 100¾, down 1¾, **Aydin**, 39¼, up ⅞, **Borg Warner**, 45¼, down 1⅜, **Collins & Aikman**, 35¼, down 1¼, **Exxon**, 38, off ⅜, **AMP Inc.** 99½, up 2 and **Teledyne**, 160⅞, up ¼.

Worcester bid future uncertain

By Jonathan Clare

The future of Royal Worcester's highly-regarded fine china businesses was in the melting pot last night in the aftermath of Monday's increased offer from Crystalate of £23.4m.

Mrs Helen Boehm, of Boehm Studios, a United States figurine company, who had previoulsy met Crystalate's chairman, Mr John Lewerthy, arrived in London by Concorde on Monday evening. She was due to meet Lord Nelson of Stafford, Royal Worcester's chairman and a former chairman of GEC, yessterday. However, the meeting was called off by Lord Nelson at short notice.

Mrs Boehm had earlier met Mr Lewerthy and offered to buy the Royal Worcester fine china business, except for Spode, if Crystalate's bid was successful and they could agree on price.

But Mrs Boehm said that she doubted whether she would have asked Lord Nelson if he would sell part of Royal Worcester to her. "It was to have been just a friendly talk. We are comrades in the same quality field."

Mrs Boehm has also been in contact with Mr John Bullock, Spode's former managing director, who is also waiting in the wings to negotiate the sale of Spode with Crystalate.

Meanwhile, Crystalate has stessed that it would not close the fine china interests if it is successful "It would be commercial madness," said a spokesman. Its options include sale, a public flotation or a management buy out.

The expected statement from Royal Worcester following Monday's increased offer from Crystalate failed to materialize.

Board discussions are expected to continue at today's routine board meeting. The City half expects a surprise – possibly the sale of part of the business.

Mrs Boehm said she would only be prepared to buy the Royal Worcester fine china business if there was a guarantee that no technology had been exported to the Far East.

Freeze on Fraser shares

By Our Financial Staff

The House of Fraser retail group has taken further court action to freeze the transfer, dividends and votes on shares whose beneficial owner is in doubt.

Restrictions were imposed by the Edinburgh Court yesterday on 10,000 ordinary Fraser shares held by R & P Nominees on behalf of Mondalee Ltd, whose registered office is in Icehouse Street, Hongkong.

The court, however, allowed Mondalee 14 days to disclose the beneficial owner. Three other shareholdings registered in the names of R & P Nominees are unaffected.

A year ago Fraser successfully placed High Court restrictions on two million shares registered to Max Morel (Nominees).

House of Fraser, which owns Harrods, is now close to inviting applications for its plan to franchise the Fraser name.

The first franchise is being offered in Saudi Arabia through House of Fraser International, a joint venture company with Allied International Designers, parts of Aidcom International.

Dollar rise reversed

Profit taking reversed the dollar's rise yesterday after worries over heightened tension in the Middle East and expectations of continuing firm American interest rates had pushed it up to its highest levels for some weeks.

The pound fell below $1.48 at one stage before finishing in London at $1.4845, up five points from Monday. Against the Deutschmark, the dollar fell 60 points to DM 2.6710

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 720.1 down 1.3
FT Gilts: 82.09 up 0.19
FT All Share: 447.43 up 0.14
Bargains: 18,916
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 95.71 up 0.25
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1218 up 3.5
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,319.26 up 3.05
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 873.05 down 23.48
Amsterdam: 146.3 down 0.5
Sydney: AO Index 700.3 up 7
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 996.6 down 9.3
Brussels: General Index 126.50 up 0.14
Paris: CAC Index 140.6 up 0.4
Zurich: SKA General 295.2 unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.4845 up 5pts
Index 128.2 down 0.1
DM 3.9750 down 0.0050
FrF 12.0750 down 0.0025
Yen 350.50 down 1.50

Dollar
Index 84.1 down 0.1
DM 2.6750

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4840
Dollar DM 2.6777

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9⅛-9
3 month interbank 9⅜-9¼

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 month DM 6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 month Fr F13¼-13

US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 8¾
Treasury long bond 100²⁷⁄₃₂-100²⁹⁄₃₂

Britain wins £100m order against 32 competitors

Mixed blessing in Swedish ship deal

By John Lawless

Sunderland Shipbuilders yesterday received a £100m order for two vessels from Sweden. The order may seem a salvation for the company but it will only add to serious overcapacity in the North Sea offshore oil support business.

The Swedish Stena Group said yesterday that it will base its new 10,000-tonne ships at Aberdeen, operating under the British flag and competing directly with the semi-submersible vessels which now service most of the oil industry's needs.

They will each house 18 divers, lift loads of up to 130 tonnes, do heavy duty sub-sea construction work and even fight oil rig fires.

Stena plans to attack the more lucrative, big-contract end of the market in early 1986, and has an option on a third vessel.

The order was won by the state-owned shipyard, part of British Shipbuilders, against 32 European yards. A six-week unofficial strike over pay was settled at the weekend to allow the order, which will guarantee work at Sunderland for two years, to go through.

Mr Eric Welsh, managing director, said that, without it 600 of the 2,000 workforce would have faced redundancy early next year. "We now have the best order book in the corporation's merchant division", he said.

The General Council of British Shipping president, Mr Richard Tookey, last night accused Norway of unfair competition in the North Sea.

At a dinner in Glasgow, he said that of the 151 smaller supply vessels operating in the BVritish oil sector, 41 were Norwegian. But of 72 such ships in the Norwegian sector, 70 were Norwegian and none British.

Up to a quarter of the 80 British flag vessels in the 500 to 1,500-tonne range – which ferry everything from equipment to food supplies to rigs – are said to be without contracts at any one time.

Their market is estimated to be worth up to £100m a year, and Mr Tookey accused the Norwegians of dumping excess tonnage in the British sector to grab what business is going.

"This disparity is of enormous concern to us", he said. Mr Tookey, managing director of Shell International Marine and chairman of Shell Tankers (UK). "We are forced to the conclusion that it is not necessarily fair.

"We have raised the matter repeatedly with our Norwegian friends, but the situation has not got better. It had got worse."

W German rescue may be widened

Frankfurt, (Reuter) The 20-strong banking consortium which last week rescued the private West German bank, Schroeder, Muenchmeyer, Hengst und Co. (SMH), may be widened to provide more day-to-day liquidity, according to banking sources.

The West Berlin-based banking supervisory office has called for (in Frankfurt today) a meeting at which banks, which had relatively small money market lines or deposits outstanding to SMH before its near collapse, will be asked not to reduce their exposure.

Today's meeting is aimed to bring together those banks which had monwey market lines or deposits of between DM5m (£3.3m) and DM10m outstanding on November 1, the cut-off point that has been used in rescue negotiations so far.

The 20-bank consortium with a five-man advisory committee is effectively running the business of SMH. The consortium members have converted their larger claims on the bank into subordinated loans totalling DM479m.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Usher Walker
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £387,000 (£354,000)
Turnover £4.6m (£4.4m)
Net interim/dividend 1.65p (1.5p)

Hartwells Group
Half-year to 31.8.83
Pretax profit £2.2m (£1.7m)
State earnings 6p (4.4p)
Turnover £108m (£91m)
Net interim/dividend 1.6p (1.4p)

Shaw and Marvin
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax loss £345,000 (£85,000)
Loss per share 9.2p (4.22p)
Turnover £1.4m (£1.6m)
Net dividend None

Rush and Tomkins Group
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.1m (£982,000)
Turnover £39m (£42.2m)
Net interim/dividend 2p (1.65p)

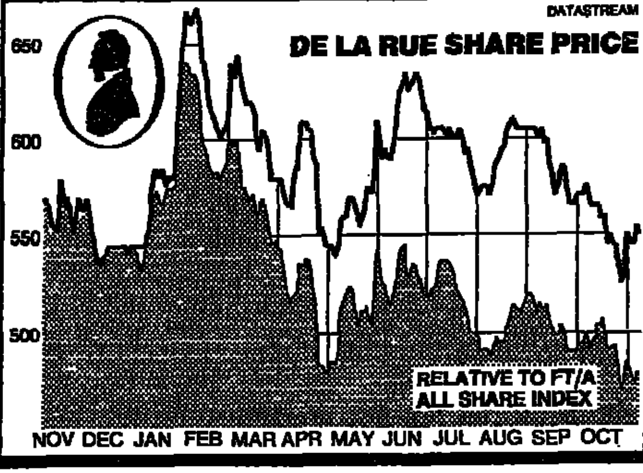
London and Provisional Shop Centres
Year to 24.8.83
Pretax profits £1.4m (£927.000)
Stated earnings 7.54p (4.73p)
Income £3.5m (£3.2m)
Net dividend 3p (2.4p)

Porter Chadburn
Half-year to 8.7.83
Pretax loss £178,000 (£231,000)
Turnover £6.3m (£7m)
Net interim dividend none

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De La Rue gets an electronic boost

De La Rue
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £14.2m (£10.8m)
Stated earnings 22.9p (16.8p)
Turnover £120m (£94m)
Net interim dividend 6.6p (6.6p)
Share price 550p, down 5p
Dividend payable 3.1.84



A remarkable turnround at the Crosfield electronic component subsidiary from losses of £3.9m to a profit of £752,000 gave a substantial and unexpected boost to De La Rue's interim profits.

Crosfield's return to the black has come at least a year earlier than had been expected. It reflects heavy investment in products, new management and aggressive selling which pushed turnover up by 63 per cent to £31.4m, much of which came straight through to profits.

Crosfield's first-half results benefited from two US contracts with *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines to supply components for data transmission to allow simultaneous printing in several locations. Further benefits from these contracts are expected in the first half of next year.

But the electronics field remains highly competitive, particularly against the Germans and the Japanese. Crosfield's sales are expected to continue to rise, especially in the US, but there is unlikely to be such a huge jump in the second half of this year.

The traditional security side of De La Rue's business – largely bank-note printing and the Security Express cash transit service – edged profits ahead from £9.1m to £9.2m. The printing of bank notes is mainly for Third World countries which have difficulty raising the foreign exchange to pay for their orders.

Recession means that governments are allowing their bank notes to circulate longer, while the benefits of inflation have disappeared

Security Express is holding its own and the company says that no customers were lost as a result of the robbery at one of its main depots over Easter.

Printrak, the computerized finger-printing system, has made its first European sale to the Swiss police, and should make a profit this year, earlier than expected.

The City is divided in its forecasts for the present year, but up to £40m against £31.7m is possible, though much depends on further recovery at Crosfield and stability in the Third World.

Whitbread

Whitbread & Co.
Half-year to 27.8.83
Pretax profit £50m (£43.9m)
Stated earnings 10.3p (7.93p)
Turnover £580.6m (£455.1m)
Net interim dividend 1.85p (1.65p)
Share price 143p down 6p. Yield 5.6%

Whitbread has kicked off the brewers' results season with news of a 14 per cent rise in pretax profits for the half year to the end of August.

The group made precisely £50m against £43.9m last time and with the benefits of the big rationalization programme still feeding through into the profits of the beer division, Whitbread looks capable of making at least £91m for the full year against £81m in 1982-83.

The company is traditionally so reticent about breaking down the results, that establishing where the growth in profits is coming from is always a guessing game. Nevertheless, it is clear that the contribution from Julius Wile in the United States bought a year ago could not have been much less than £2m

Buoyant beer sales in July and August offset sluggish volume earlier in the year and Whitbread, with its strong presence in the South of England and high exposure to the lager sector which is once more doing much better than beer as a whole, probably outperformed other brewers' sales during this period.

About 40 per cent of group sales now derive from non beer interests some of which – notably Beefeater restaurants and the Stowells of Chelsea wine business – are achieving very rapid growth.

Add to that the effort the group is putting into restoring its British market share in beer and it is not difficult to see why the shares are beginning to outperform the rest of the sector

F. H. Lloyd

F. H. Lloyd
Half-year to 2.10.83
Pretax profit £406,000 (£33,000)
Stated earnings 1.5p (loss 0.1p)
Turnover £32.1m (£32.5m)
Net interim dividend none (none)
Share price 30p, up 2½p. Yield 4.8%

It has been a bad time to be in steel, foundries and engineering, but F. H. Lloyd has fought back bravely and, the company's wise reticence notwithstanding, the latest figures suggest that the strategy is working.

That strategy envisages holding the line in steel and foundries while developing the engineering and service parts of the business. So in this recent half year the steel division has been plucked from an operating £260,000 loss in the comparable period last year to a profit of £193,000. Sales rose from £8.18m to £11.7m.

The key success has been the flexibility of the company's two mini mills.

By contrast the foundries, the heart of the group before the Lazards reorganization, superficially appear to be performing less well than last year. Operating profits fell from £442,000 to £202,000, and turnover was down from £15.3, to £10.8m. But appearances are deceptive. The fall was largely caused by the closure of the big Wednesbury foundry.

Neverless, the foundry business remains tough. Capacity has probably not been cut enough, and Lloyd commands a smaller share of the market than a few years ago. The scramble for the orders relinquished by those who closed has depressed prices. But the £5.26. reorganisation provision should be sufficient.

Falling interest rates for much of last year helped discount houses to make bumper profits. This year has not been so easy. The experience of Cater Allen, one of the latest to report interims is fairly typical. It admits to good profits and dividend up from 7p to 8p during the six months to October 31 – a period when base rates showed a net 1 per cent fall.

Beazer doubles year's profits to record £6m

By Andrew Cornelius

C. H. Beazer (Holdings)
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £6.1m (£4.04m)
Stated earnings 22.2p (32.4p)
Turnover £71.3m (£47.99m)
Net final dividend 6p making 8p (8p)
Dividend payable 4.1.84

C. H. Beazer (Holdings), the property group based in Bath Avon, yesterday announced a 58 per cent increase in pretax profits to £6. 1m for the year to June 30. The record performance was achieved on a group turnover which rose be 48 per cent from the previous year to £71.3m.

A first-time contribution from Second City Properties, which made £285,000 in its first two months in the Beazer balance sheet, helped towards the £3.4m pretax profits from the property division.

Mr Brian Beazer, chairman, said that he expected the contribution from the division to rise again in the present year. The company intends to sell £9m of investment properties from the Second City portfolio and to build 1,300 houses this year.

Mr Beazer said that he is also hoping to continue the expansion of the building materials division, which made pretax profits of £2m last year. This included a first full-time contribution from Westbrick Products the building components company.

The general marine products, engineering and construction equipment interests continued to perform strongly and contributed £7700,000 to profits. Beazer is planning to double its production of Hitachi contruction equipment

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
J/M	791–20
A/J	809–10
J/S	822–24
O/D	837–39
J/M	852–54
A/J	868–69
J/S	883–86

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	913–14
Three months	936.5–37
T/O	13126
Tone: Steadier.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	894–96
Three months	918–19
T/O	nil
Tone: Idle.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8585–95
Three months	8690–95
T/O:	385
Tone: Steady	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9720–25
Three months	8720–25
T/O:	126.
Tone: Steady.	
LEAD	
Cash	268.75–69.25
Three months	278.25–78.50
T/O:	6775
Tone: Tone: Steady.	
ZINC	
Cash	846.65.00
Three months	577–75.50
T/O:	6100
Tone: Steadier.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	610.5–11.5
Three months	624–25
T. O:	45
Tone: Steady.	
SILVER SMALL	
Three months	623.5–24
T/O:	one
Tone. Quiet.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	997.5–98.5
Three months	1022.5–23
T. O:	10.675
Tone: Steadier.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3067–69
Three months	3140–41
T/O:	1176
Tone: Steadier.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Nov	380.00–384.00
Dec	384.10–384.20
Feb	390.10–390.30
Apl	396.30–396.90
Jun	402.50–403.40
Aug	408.50–409.80
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Dec	15	4250
Mar'84	–	4288
Jun'84	–	4323
Comment: Improved.		
STERLING		
Dec	190	14849
Mar'84	171	14848
Jun'84	50	14908
Comment: Steady.		
D-MARK		
Dec	59	3747
Mar'84	–	3785
Jun'84	–	3818
Comment: Stable.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec	–	4627
Mar'84	–	4694
Jun'84	–	4759
Comment: Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec	940	9013
Mar'84	316	8971
Jun'84	39	8938
Sep'84	6	8911
Dec	–	8884
Comment: Strong.		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec	309	9081
Mar'84	481	9052
Jun'84	81	9024
Sep'84	–	8995
Dec'84	–	8965
Comment: Steady.		
GILTS		
Dec	2546	10809
Mar'84	136	10725
Jun'84	–	10713
Sep'84	–	10700
Dec'84	–	10615
Comment: Improving.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23:
GB: Cattle, 96.08p per kg lw (+0.29).
GB: Sheep. 123.58p per kg est d c w (–1.86).
GB: Pigs. 74.17p per kg lw (–1.52).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 1.1 per cent. ave. price. 94.67p (+0.58).
Sheep nos. down 7.9 per cent. ave. price. 124.10p (–2.13).
Pig nos. up 6.7 per cent. ave. price. 73.72p (–1.80).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 14.3 per cent. ave. price. 100.03p (–1.30).
Sheep nos. down 8.1 per cent. ave. price. 121.01p (–0.98).
Pig nos. up 8.9 per cent. ave. price. 78.20p (+1.00).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Nov	£119.45	116.75
Jan	£122.65	119.50
Mar	£125.60	122.70
May	£128.65	124.65
Jly	£131.40	–
Sep	£116.90	112.25

Total lots traded
Wheat: "B" 265
Barley: 284

New Throgmorton Trust
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £755,000
Stated earnings 1.26p
Income £976,000
Net interim dividend 1p

Ambrose Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £407,000 (£374,000)
Income £446,000 (£414,000)
Net interim dividend 3p (same)

Allnatt London Property
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £4.9m (£4.1m)
Turnover £5.7m (£5.1m)
Net interim dividend 1p (same)

WALL STREET



	Nov 7	Nov 4		Nov 7	Nov 4		Nov 7	Nov 4
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	7	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	44	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Santa Fe Ind	30	30
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]	SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]	Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]	Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]	Shell Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]	Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gt Atlnc & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	Smithkline Beck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	Grumman Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gulf & West	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sperry Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Heinz H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Std Oil Califnia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]	Std Oil Indiana	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]	Std Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	IC Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]	Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]	IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]	Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]	INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texas East Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	44	Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]	Irving Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	105	Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]	TWA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnson & Johns	[illegible]	[illegible]	Travelers Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]	TRW Inc	77	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]	UAL Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]	Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]	Union Oil Calif	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	15	[illegible]	Kroger	[illegible]	34	Un Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]	L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem Bank NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]	United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	28	Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]	US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	US Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	34	Manfr Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]	Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]	Manville Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]	Warner Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	71	Marine Midland	[illegible]	33	Warner Lambert	28	29
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	32	Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continental Grp	50	50	Monsanto	105	[illegible]	Zenith	[illegible]	30
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]	Morgan J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]	Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]			
CPC Intnl	[illegible]	[illegible]	NCR Corp	[illegible]	127			
Crane	27	27	NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]	**Canadian Prices**		
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart & Kraft	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Med Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]	Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	45
Deere	[illegible]	37	Norfolk South	[illegible]	[illegible]	Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	39	NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]	Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	62	Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cons Bathurst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	34	[illegible]	Olin Corp	[illegible]	29	Gulf Oil	[illegible]	17
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]	Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hawker/Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	16	Hudson Bay Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]	Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]	Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	67	Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	45	Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mass.-Fergsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pfizer	39	[illegible]	Royal Trustco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	81	Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	[illegible]	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	13	Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]	Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]	Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Polaroid	[illegible]	34	Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]	WCT	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	25	[illegible]			

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
Authorized Unit Trusts					
Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard EC4P 4DX 01-236 1833					
[illegible]	58.5	American Growth	99.9	[illegible]	1.60
[illegible]	49.8	Cmldy & Energy	72.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	49.8	UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canada Life Unit Trust Managers. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122					
72.2	49.6	Canlife Gen	69.8	73.5	3.85
105.4	69.7	Do Accum	102.8	108.2	3.85
32.6	25.5	Gilt & F Int	32.4	34.1	..
49.5	38.1	Income Dist	48.0	50.5	6.72
89.3	58.6	Do Accum	87.7	92.3	6.72
Capel (James) Management Ltd. 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ					
Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3P 3DN 01-628 8011					
[illegible]	135.9	Guardhill	182.1	[illegible]	3.36
118.9	100.0	Gilt & F.I.	114.4	119.9	9.80
100.7	99.1	Growth Equity	99.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
100.5	99.1	Nth America	92.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
105.8	107.5	Pacific	101.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
112.9	111.2	Small Co's	105.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
McAnally Fund Management Ltd. Regis House, King William St. EC4. 01-623 4951					
55.6	37.0	Delphi Inc Acc	53.2	56.6	7.28
34.7	25.5	Do Income	33.1	35.3	7.28
[illegible]	110.1	Glen Fund Acc	148.8	158.3	3.43
276.5	174.4	Capital (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.38
371.6	228.9	Do Accum	[illegible]	379.3	1.38
188.6	195.4	European	181.4	[illegible]	1.37
188.6	194.7	Do Accum	181.4	[illegible]	1.37
234.2	141.5	General (3)	221.9	[illegible]	2.79
Insurance Bonds and Funds					
Black Horse Life Assurance Co Ltd. 71 Lombard St, London. EC3 P3BS. 01-623 1288					
233.4	159.6	Black Horse Bnd	..	233.2	..
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271.0	151.8	Eq Int Tech Fd	[illegible]	264.4	..
[illegible]	125.03	Managed Inv	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
151.46	128.45	Property	151.46	[illegible]	..
147.14	108.75	Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
136.40	125.03	Cash	136.48	143.68	..
178.6	107.2	Dollar Fnd	[illegible]	177.8	..
151.5	105.7	Capital Fnd	146.2	[illegible]	..
153.9	106.7	Income Fnd	152.0	160.0	..
175.3	165.4	Prop Series 'A'	174.8	184.1	..
[illegible]	270.8	Do Series 'C'	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
127.5	99.4	Financial Fnd	127.5	[illegible]	..
177.7	131.1	Man Series 'A'	177.7	187.1	..
144.4	113.0	Do Series C	142.7	[illegible]	..
308.4	[illegible]	Do Units	308.4	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	107.0	High Yld Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	109.7	Investment	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	287.9	Equity Fnd	..	402.3	..
216.2	[illegible]	Money Fnd	..	213.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Actuarial Fund	..	[illegible]	..
192.7	142.8	Gilt Edged	..	192.2	..
[illegible]	304.0	Ret Annuity (29)	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Immed Ann (39)	..	191.5	..
280.4	149.0	International	..	[illegible]	..
Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.					
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]



APPOINTMENTS

Group chief for Issuing Houses

Issuing Houses Association: Mr Robin Hutton has been appointed to the new post of director-general. He will combine this appointment with his current responsibilities as director-general of the Accepting Houses Committee.

Helical Bar: Mr R. D. Tringham, Mr J. C. Tozer, Mr C. Gervaisse-Brazier, Mr J. J. Mellows and Mr R. Carline have joined the board. Mr Tringham becomes chairman in place of Mr R. J. C. Hill who continues as managing director.

Dominion International Group: Mr Tim M. Palmer has joined the company as finance director.

Annan Impey Morrish: Mr Peter Hughes, former finance director of Newman Industiries, has become managing partner.

W. E. Norton (Holdings): Mr Mervyn Brown has been made managing director of the group.

Stone International: Mr D. Leighton Davies has joined the board in a non-executive capacity.

Pointon York: Mr Kelvin Curran has been appointed director in charge of the commercial insurance division.

Readicut International: Mr Douglas S. Butler, managing director of Firth Furnishings, and Mr Howard Lickerman, chairman of Regal Rugs, have joined the board.

Weeks Trailers: Mr Peter Lambert has become managing director.

Rowan and Boden: Mr Charles M. Thompson, company secretary and director becomes executive director with responsibility for two subsidiary companies, Roanoid and Rowan and Boden (Interiors) together with its subsidiaries; Mr Charles Mathieson, Financial director, becomes executive director responsible for SND Transport and Northampton Machinery, and their two subsidiaries; and Mr Mike Butler, of G. M. Firth (Holdings), joins the board.

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society: Mr A. J. Low has been made a director.

Mills & Allen International: Mr John Gardiner has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Taylor Woodrow: Mr Colin Parson, president of Monarch Investments in Canada, has been appointed as a divisional director.

Moore Business Forms: Miss Anita Hall has become a director.

Fidelity: Mr Edward Storey has joined the board as national accounts director.

Wayne Lintott explains why Vickers da Costa's deal with Citicorp has set a trend

Brokers limber up for a slimline Stock Exchange

The £20m deal announced between stockbrokers Vickers da Costa and Citicorp, the second biggest bank in America, is the clearest indication yet of the way impending changes in Stock Exchange rules will affect London's stockbroking and jobbing firms.

Citicorp will take full control of Vickers, except for its central London stockbroking subsidiary, where it is still restricted to 29.9 per cent.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of Vickers da Costa, has set the trend for other brokers to follow, both in terms of valuing broking firms and in calculating the weight needed to compete under the new trading regime the Stock Exchange Council is actively preparing. Given that Vickers da Costa ranks twenty-third in the institutional business league – it ranks in the top five for overseas business – Sir Kenneth considers the £20m, which is 15.5 times average earnings over the past three years, as "excellent. Actually it's 29.5 times if you strip out the good year".

That compares with the 3.1 times net assets Security Pacific paid for Hoare Govett, the 2.8 multiple of assets Exco International paid for W. I. Carr and the 3.3 Mercantile House paid for Oppenheimer, the New York broker and fund manager. These acquisitions were all between six times and eight times earnings.

These deals, however, were done before the agreement worked out between the Government and Stock Exchange to exempt the Stock Exchange from provisions of the Restrictive Practices Act, the freer, more competitive

80 principal brokers will narrow down to 20

atmosphere expected to follow the abolition of fixed commissions and the widespread expectations that single capacity trading will ultimately disappear.

Sir Kenneth had talks with more than 15 institutions in seeking a partner and likens the talks to a courting couple engaging "in all foreplay but no sex".

Many insiders now believe that the 80 principal London broking houses will be reduced to about 20. Those 20 will corner most of London's institutional business, underwriting of new issues and rights.

"Ithink that top 20 will narrow down to about 10 or less with the smaller companies becoming specialists in just a few areas. Going by the American experience I can see commissions falling sharply for a while until the strongest





Sir Kenneth Berrill forecasts upheavals at the Stock Exchange

survive with rates then creeping back up again," Sir Kenneth said.

He sees brokers becoming large multi-national financial conglomerates with vast sums under management. "In that world trading will be 24-hours worldwide and the technology and expertise costs for such an organization will be very high."

This statement goes some way to explaining the criteria that Vickers, and other brokers, are setting themselves for the round of "courtships".

"There was no UK group big enough worldwide." Sir Kenneth said. "The clearing banks at the time did not appear interested and the merchant banks do not have the weight."

Vickers intends hiring the best analytical and sales staff it can find. By retaining control of the brokerage operation with the bonus, commission and profit-sharing schemes Citicorp have agreed to, Sir Kenneth feels Vickers now has the financial muscle necessary to attract high calibre staff.

Two important factors attracting American financial institutions to London are the predominance of fixed interest or bond demand and the deregulation of American pension funds which are now allowed to invest abroad. Sir Kenneth sees most of that pension fund money going to Tokyo, but inevitably some will flow to London.

"They (the American funds) are only really interested in the big companies and buying in bulk. So when you trade with an institution that may want to sell 500,000 shares you can hardly say 'hold on for 10-minutes we'll call you back'. It will be a case of take it and place it. But inevitably a lot of that block will still be on the books at the close, so brokers, through business, become market makers" Sir Kenneth said.

This illustrates why brokers feel it inevitable that single capacity trading in London will become dual capacity agents and traders in the not too distant future.

Similarly, overseas trading involves block buying and paying up the next day. That applies to both the US and Tokyo – which together account for 80 per cent of the world's equity capitalization – so brokers' capital needs could be enormous and British brokers are widely accepted as being "grossly undercapitalized."

British institutions are no laggards in overseas business. According to a recent confidential institutional investment survey commissioned by London's leading brokers, the 258 big institutions have £17.5 billion invested in overseas equities. A further £99 billion is invested in British shares and £69 billion in gilt-edged stock. In all, British funds have £300 billion under management.

The sums involved in London's Stock Exchange turnover hardly do justice to its ranking against New York and Tokyo. The annual turnover of equity trading for this year is running at a record level of £50 billion with fixed interest, mainly gilts, running at £222 billion. But gilt-edged trading averages £18 billion a month, dwarfing the monthly average turnover of £4.4 billion for equities.

At the beginning of the 1970s the comparable figures were £90 billion a yeaer for equities and £254 billion a year for gilts. Last September's turnover in government stock equalled the whole of gilt-edged trading for the fiscal year 1968/69.

On top of all that there are the minnow like requirements of British quoted companies and new issue business that amount to £2.6 billion a year, with government fund raising of perhaps £7 billion a year and government privatizations expected to equal a further £2 billion a year over the next three years.

What attracts the managers controlling those vast sums is an expertise in dealing with top analytical and sales staff backing up the dealers, according to that same institutional survey.

This helps to explain the jockeying for position between the institutions and brokerage firms which expect a further four of five bumper years of trading.

Taking all three sectors together, Hoare Govett, Grieveson Grant and James Capel have the biggest market shares, although the order is different in each sector.

The institutions rate Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, James Capel, Wood Mackenzie, Phillips & Drew & Pitman and Grieveson Grant as having made the most progress in combining dealing skills with good back-up.

Several leading British and American financial institutions are now hoping to buy into Stock Exchange member firms – jobbing as well as broking – to gain access to the securities markeet, widen their corporate business, win useful private client lists and international dealing expertise.

Subject to Bank of England approval, the suitors will include two London clearing banks and six merchant banks. NatWest is thought to be interested in Wedd Durlacher, the dominant stockjobber. Midland is looking at Phillips & Drew.

Private clients will have to pay more

Competing with them are Hambro Life, Prudential, Pearl, Legal and General and Sun Alliance.

Money dealers Mercantile House and Exco International, where a partnership with Wood Mackenzie had been widely rumoured, are also ambitious to expand in this area.

The Americans with eyes on London include Aetna Life, American Can, Chemical Bank, Bank of America, Security Pacific – said to be interested in jobbers Ackroyd & Smithers to dovetail with Hoare Govett – Merrill Lynch, Kidder Peabody, Harriman Brothers, First Boston/Credit Suisse, First Chicago and Solomon Brothers in the front line.

EQUITIES	GILTS	OVERSEAS
Rowe & Pitman	Greenwell	Rowe & Pitman
Scrimgeour Kepm-Gee	Phillips & Drew	James Capel
Hoare Govett	Hoare Govett	Vickers da Costa
Phillips & Drew	Mullens	Cazenove
James Capel	Scrimgeour	Hoare Govett
Grieveson Grant	De Zoete	Grieveson Grant
Wood Mackenzie	Grieveson Grant	Laurence Prust
Cazenove	Laurie Millbank	Phillips & Drew
De Zoete and Bevan	Pember & Boyle	Quilter Goodison
Laing & Cruikshank	Messel	Savory Miln

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A SPECIAL REPORT

Peterborough

It is Britain's fastest growing city – as a new town it was designed to double its size. Paul Routledge reports on the grand design that is nearing completion

They call it "the Peterborough Effect", and they actually use the expression without blushing. It is meant to denote a combination of social, economic and cultural opportunities unique in the highly competitve world of new towns.

The marketing slogan was coined by an agency, but the impetus behind it must have come from the enthusiasm of the city's Development Corporation which was charged 15 years ago with the task of relieving population pressure in the South East by practically doubling in size to 150,000 people.

The corporation goes about attracting business with vigour, and more than 200 firms have come to the revitalised cathedral city – without the inducement of government grants on offer in so many other rival centres of development.

So there must be something to the slogan which John Beckett, general manager of PDC, defies as "the total aspect of Peterbrough: the quality of life. We find that we can hold our own just by what we have in the general sense - a combination of working and living conditions."

For some companies the attraction may be ready-to-occupy factory space or offices; for some executives it could be the astonishing variety of sporting and leisure amenities; and for others it may just be the imaginative approach that paints the gasholder three different shades of blue, plants 1.5 million trees and exploits a necessary water compensation scheme to give the rowing club a first-class course.

Officially, the Peterborough Effect is "produced by a dynamic combination of company drive and enterprise, a stimulating business environment and a 'design for living' unique to this city." It is credited with improving output, exports and profits for almost all the firms that moved there since 1970. Wastage, disputes and staff turnover have fallen.

The prospect of a job and a house in a city with a wide range of leisure opportunities has brought 40,000 newcomers to Peterborough since expansion really got under way on a site that boasts a record of having been continuously inhabited for 6,000 years.

In Roman times, it was known as Durobrivae, an important administrative centre built where Ermine Street crossed the river Nene. It was noted for the manufacture of decorated pottery. And then, as now, it was an exporting centre; relics of early pottery from the settlement have been found all over Europe.

The railway shattered the calm

In later times, it was known as Medeshamstede, and then as Gildenborough, the "golden city". Work began on the beautiful cathedral in 1116, and for the next 700 years Peterborough was a sleepy market town clustered around the massive church. This rural solitude was rudely shattered in 1845 when the railway arrived, plunging the city into its first industrial revolution.

The railways needed workshops, and in their train came engineering companies from London. Baker Perkins and Peter Brotherhood, firms with a world reputation for innovation and reliability, started a tradition of craftsmanship still strong today.

And in 1932, Frank Perkins started the enterprise that was to become the world's largest manufacturer of high-speed diesels, Perkins Engines, still a flourishing concern playing a dominant role in the city's industrial life. The city centre workshop where it all started with two men and a boy has long since disappeared,and the site is now part of the pride of Peterborough – the Queensgate shopping centre.

The neighbourhood has also had an interesting history of local government. From 1888, the Soke of Peterborough was an independent county until 1965, when it merged with Huntingdonshire to form the County of Huntingdon and Peterborough. The city and the surrounding district is now part of the new county of Cambridgeshire.

After a study of population trends in the early 1960s, the Government brought in the 1965 New Towns Act, and Peterborough was singled out as one of three towns (the others being Ipswich and Northampton) designated as a growth point to absorb some of the rapidly-increasing population of the South East.

The then Minister of Housing and Local Government set up the Development Corporation in 1968, giving it the responsibility – in conjunction with the local authorities – of carrying through an expansion programme to turn the city into a major provincial centre serving 600,000 people. From an existing base of 86,000 people, the city was planned almost to double in size to 150,000 by the late 1980s.

Since then, hundreds of millions of pounds have been invested by the Government and the private sector in creating the right environment for growth and attracting strong businesses to it. The second industrial revolution took off in 1970, bringing hundreds of small and large firms, some of them household names such as Thomas Cook and Lesney Toys.

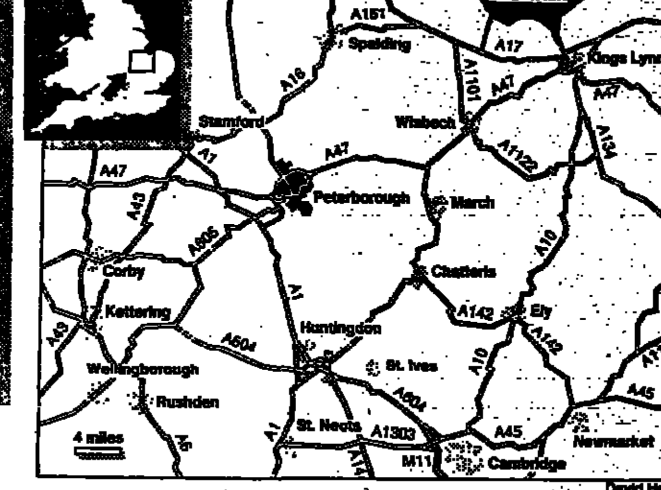
The era of the new town is drawing to a close, and PDC is gradually being wound down. "But we are working darned hard to work ourselves out of a job," says Mr Beckett. The corporation has set itself a target to 2,000 new jobs a year for the next four years in the hope of bringing unemployment in the city down to 10 per cent.

The valuable social assets will be handed over to the City Council and industrial holdings will revert to the commission for the new towns. Given the present Government's privatization policy, it is likely that factories and offices will be sold off. Many assets have already been sold over the past two years but some things are not particularly easy to sell – particularly the infrastructure of motorway-standard roads which is now nearing completion.

It has been a decade and a half of work which has, ironically, come to full fruition just as the new town concept has become politically unfashionable. The achievement of those years is, however, a permanent monument to the vision of those who planned it and worked to make it happen.



New and thriving: John Morris, chairman of Therm-A-Stor, who opened a new factory in March. Above right, Queensgate Centre, the town's showpiece shopping area.



David Hart

2,000 new jobs a year?

The politicians and planners who identified Peterborough as a growth point in the heady "never had it so good" days of the 1960s had no inkling of the chronic unemployment that would grip Britain just as their plans came to fruition.

But it is just as well for the people of the city that the programme of industrial expansion got well under way before the chill winds of depression began to blow.

Peterborough's economy had been too dependent on certain basic industries such as engineering and the railways, which were to experience a sharp and irreversible decline in employment in the 1970s.

Without the jobs offensive that brought 200 firms and some 22,000 extra jobs to the city, the unemployment picture would have been bleak indeed. As it is, there were 9,869 people registered as jobless at the last count, or 15 per cent of the working-age population.

This figure is marginally inflated by school leavers, but the dole queue in Peterborough is usually slightly longer than the national average. It would have been much longer had it not been for the influx of new firms into the 5.6 million square feet of factory and warehouse space built to entice business to the city.

The decline in employment in traditional industries continues, though not as fiercely as in the past. Employment in the public sector has held up relatively well compared to other areas whether staff cuts have been imposed. An expanding population obviously needs more, not fewer, public services. The steady increase in the number of companies coming into Peterborough provides opportunities for work that other cities without new town status would find hard to match. In 1982-83 year ended last March 31, the Development Corporation brought 1,000 new jobs to the city and expect to do rather better in the current year.

"If we weren't here bringing in these new industries, there would be a lot more unemployed, particularly with the city's bias towards industries which have been shedding so many jobs," argues John Beckett, the corporation's general manager. "So to that extent the expansion is fulfilling its purpose – though not the one intended when we first set out."

In its last few years of existence, the corporation is going for a final spurt in the race for jobs. The plan is to create 2,000 jobs a year for the next four years.

The best, under one roof

The city fathers and planners of Peterborough were acutely conscious for some years that the rapidly increasing population was outstripping the limited shopping facilities of the traditional High Street layout of the town centre.

It was determined to push ahead with "something really big" – a covered shopping centre that would double the range of shops at a stroke. The result: Queensgate Centre, a £24m showpiece development with six major household-name stores and more than 80 other shops under one gigantic roof.

Queensgate, opened early in 1982, has been judged the best in Europe this year by the International Council of Shopping Centres.

Some High Street chains moved into the centre, but others – like Marks and Spencer and Woolworth – stayed in the traditional shopping area of Bridge Street. This and other city centre thoroughfares are being pedestrianized and paved, creating a shopping environment free of traffic hazards.

The opening of Queensgate has been accompanied by a big promotion exercise to establish Peterborough as a major provincial shopping capital, if that is not too much of a contradiction in terms. The Development Corporation put publicity material into the homes of 600,000 people in the East Midlands and East Anglia to attract those who

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Getting there in a hurry

The Romans took their roads across the river Nene to Peterborough and the town grew to be a great railway centre and a key intersection of road routes.

The railway is no longer king, and drinkers in the Poachers' bar of the Great Northern hotel do not have to hang on to their pints as Gresley's Pacifics storm through a few yards away. Rail links to London, the North and East Anglia are still vital, Kings Cross is 78 miles but only 50 minutes away by Inter-City 125 services. A new station serves rail customers, with shoppers' specials laid on to bring people from surrounding towns.

The A1 trunk road skirts the western fringes of the city and the boom port of Felixstowe is under two hours a way by road, giving ready access to container routes to the continent. A 20-mile system of dual carriageways linking roads around the city is nearing completion.

Carefully landscaped city roads of motorway standard bring employment and residential areas within minutes of each other. Special bus-only roads help to speed passenger services and Peterborough's 70-mile cycleway system encourages a higher proportion of pedal journeys to work than anywhere else in Britain.

Gone are the hour-long delays that used to infuriate drivers forced to use trunk routes like the A15 right through the city centre. The inner city is now being pedestrianized, though the inner ring route of Borges Boulevard is open to criticism as a "cordon sanitaire" that discourages anyone on foot from straying outside the heart of old Peterborough.

Peterborough has a business airport only five miles from the city which handles business aircraft including executive jets. Scheduled international services are within a 90-minute drive and Heathrow can be reached in two hours by car.

Guaranteed: a home with every new job

The key to Peterborough's social success was undoubtedly its aggressive housing policy. Building did not actually start until 1970 – more than two years after the new town had been designated – but the first home was occupied within eleven months.

By mid-1973, the Development Corporation had built 1,000 houses, and four years later the 5,000 mark had been passed. By August 1980, 15,000 homes had been completed since expansion began and the figure will climb beyond 20,000 when current contracts are completed.

Peterborough still guarantees to provide homes for all staff who move into the city with their firm and want rented accommodation. It will also house key staff recruited later. *Temporary* lettings are also available to allow staff time to find a suitable home to buy, at rents ranging from £19 a week for a one-bed flat to £27.50 for a four-bed house.

Over the years, the pattern of housebuilding and ownership has altered dramatically, reflecting the changing political and social environment. The emphasis is now on a partnership between private builders and the Development Corporation.

As the table shows, private building for sale now takes the lion's share of activity in the industry. But a typical new home in Peterborough is still built on publicly-owned land usually in one of the burgeoning townships such as Werrington.

The population of Werrington in north Peterborough is growing rapidly from 6,000 to 16,000 as part of the city's expansion plan. Around the old village, which has picturesque cottages dating from the seventeenth century, a new township is being built with three distinctive neighbourhoods.

Each contains nearly 1,000 houses with its own shops, pub, primary school, meetings places and open spaces. The new neighbourhoods are connected to each other and to the village by footpaths, cycleway and a busway.

Peterborough now has 38 developers at work on more than 40 sites, and new homes are available from £14,000 to £80,000, and the Development Corporation is promoting a scheme called "Easybuy" to encourage home ownership.

An "Easybuy" purchaser can buy as little as 25 per cent share in a particular house to begin with, paying rent on the rest of the purchase price. The buyer can increase his payments, leading ultimately to complete ownership.

PETERBOROUGH: THE HOUSING PICTURE

	Completed since April 1970	Under construction and in contract
Development Corporation	9,661	222
City Council	2,491	49
Private on Corporation land	2,879	1,242
Private on private land (estimated)	2,685	490
Housing associations	1,801	76
Total	19,517	2,079
Housing Stock		
Development Corporation (rented)	7,893	
Development Corporation (sold)	1,570	
Development Corporation (shared ownership)	198	
Local Authority	9,382	
Private (includes private rented)	26,443	
Housing associations	2,061	
Total	47,547	

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had not previously considered the city as a place to visit or to shop.

Queensgate itself has a 2,000-space multi-storey car park but traders complain that off-street parking elsewhere is inadequate. On one peak day in the Christmas season last year there were 72 shopping-trip coaches competing for space.

As a non-driver and something less than a devotee of covered shopping centres I found it difficult to see what a ll the fuss was about. Walking through the Pedestrianised area, catching irregular glimpses of the cathedral, Guildhall and other fine old buildings was more pleasant than Queensgate with its neon fountains, chromium escalators and American-style security guards with walkie-talkies.

For the old fashioned like me, the planners are also creating some attractive shopping backwaters: little side streets with small, specialised units more like a traditional market than a hypermarket. And there is a genuine food produce open market if you must have the real thing.


Going up fast: Peterborough's aggressive housing policy is the key to its social success

The pulling power to blue-chip companies

The designation of Peterborough as a new town in the late 1960s came not a moment too soon for the city's economic survival, heavily dependent as it was on basic industries that were going into decline.

There was an urgent need to diversify out of railways, engineering and agriculture-related activities into the businesses of the future. That policy has paid off in terms of building a secure base for sustainable growth.

The old industries have not disappeared entirely, of course. Perkins Diesels may have shed nearly half its labour force but it still employs 5,300 and it dominates the "heavy end" of industry in Peterborough. John Devaney, managing director of Perkins and a member of the CBI regional council, welcomes the trend towards diversification and the transformation of the city, arguing: "It is a better place to be located than ten years ago."

The attractions of Peterborough have convinced not a few blue-chip companies that it is a suitable centre for relocation. Probably the best-known is the Thomas Cook travel group, which quit central London in 1977 for a handsome, purpose-built block at Thorpe Wood on the outskirts of the city.

Thomas Cook now employs 1,250 people on the site, having brought about 350 staff in the move from the capital. It is a move they do not regret, says senior manager John Cook. "We have been able to obtain a better working environment than you get in central London, and we have access to a fresh pool of labour. And the actual costs of running a head office operation have been reduced."

The company, which predicts "records profits" this year, is the largest and most experienced travel organisation in the world, providing 1,350 servicing locations in 143 countries world wide. From its international headquarters in Peterborough, Thomas Cook runs its leisure and business travel services, its financial services and its "own brand" holidays.

In the year ending October 31, Thomas Cook shops handled nearly two million travel transactions in the UK. It is also the largest issuer of traveller's cheques in Europe – which is as it should be since the original Thomas Cook invented the traveller's cheque, and the centenary of that invention will be celebrated next year.

Thomas Cook may be the best known but it is far and away from being the only major newcomer to the city. Molins, manufacturers of tobacco processing machinery, set up a spares division in Peter borough in 1973, and three years later moved lock, stock and barrel from Deptford in London's East End. Most of the 600 employees were recruited locally.

Acco, the office equipment makers, also outgrew their London premises and moved to the new town ten years ago: turnover is now up sevenfold and output is much higher. Posford Pavry, international consulting engineers, were forced out of their Westminster offices by redevelopment, and designed superb new offices for themselves at Bretton, three miles from the city centre. Zygmunt Sembek, a partner in Posford Pavry, says: "The combination of the pleasant environment and the ease of communications with our projects overseas makes Peterborough an ideal headquarters location."

Some firms have experienced remarkable growth. Sodastream began with a small advance unit built by the Development Corporation and a labour force of 15 – seven years later it built a 144,000 sq ft factory, and now employs over 500 people.

The variety of businesses going into Peterborough is remarkable. Therm-A-Stor, Britain's biggest independent double-glazing manufacturer, opened a 100,000 sq ft factory at Orton Southgate in March this year. The formal ceremony was conducted by Mrs Thatcher, who described the six-acre plant and its high-quality products as "absolutely terrific." She added: "I wish it would be repeated a thousand times across the country."

Initially, Therm-A-Stor created 300 jobs, but this figure is expected to more than double as the business grows. The company has pioneered a totally new concept in double glazing design technology, which involves injecting expanded polyurethene into the aluminium frames of windows and doors using a "thermal break" to prevent cold being conducted from the outer to the inner frame.

John Morris, chairman and managing director of Therm-A-Stor, said: "I am delighted to think that a self-financing British company will be providing valuable jobs in East Anglia during the recession. We are now working on plans for another major development which will mark further significant developments not only in the company's history but in the history of the city.

"The company is very satisfied with Peterborough as an area. It offers a high calibre of all grades of factory staff and office staff, and the company's ease of operation here compared to London cannot be over-emphasised."

But new techniques are not a monopoly of the newcomers. Perkins Diesels are working on "the diesel engines of the future" at its multi-million pound research and test centre. The company is developing high-speed direct injection car engines and products to cope with the range of fuels such as vegetable oils, alcohols and coal derivatives.

They used to say that if Perkins sneezes, Peterborough catches a cold, but the gradual slimdown of manpower has been accomplished there because employment opportunities came up elsewhere at the incoming firms. John Devaney predicts that Perkins will hold its own in a very tough trading climate. "We still have the same market share as when the recession started, we have not lost any customers. Our objective is still to improve productivity. I want us to be Peterborough's most profitable and financially secure company."

EMPLOYMENT IN PETERBOROUGH

Population	Date	Employment: Male	Employment: Female	Employment: Total
81,000	July 1967	31,000	14,500	45,500
86,000	April 1970	33,900	15,400	49,300
124,000	Present (estimated)	44,200	23,150	67,350

Just the place for the movies

The most common complaint heard in the pioneering days of the new towns was "there's nothing to do." Acres of well-planned houses and model factories – but a cultural desert.

Fortunately for the incoming population, the new Peterborough has been imaginatively and successfully grafted on to the old city to give it what D. H. Lawrence would have called "a sense of place."

The neighbourhood has a long civilization which the modern planners had to respect, while providing the wide range of up-to-date amenity and leisure facilities wanted by company executives prospecting for somewhere to take their factory.

Peterborough's showpiece is undoubtedly the 2,000-acre park created along six miles of the river Nene, from the city centre west to the A1 trunk road. There are two swimming pools, lakes for boating, fishing and sailing; two golf courses and a pitch and putt course, a riding centre, sports pitches and athletic track, bridleways and cycleways and adventure play features for children.

Along its southern perimeter runs Nene Valley railway, a preserved steam line with more than 20 British and European locomotives. The Continental atmosphere imparted by these engines has made the preserved route a favourite with film-makers: one of its quiet country stations was turned into an East German border post for murder and mayhem for the latest Jame Bond film, *Octopussy*.

Few cinemagoers must have realised that the dramatic scene in which the suave superspy played by Roger Moore jangles with the enemy and cars are catapulted into the river was actually shot in Peterborough's Ferry Meadows park.

Cinemas, the 400-seat Key theatre, night clubs and discos, restaurants and hotels, a museum and a regional ice rink complement the city's biggest tourist attraction – its historic Norman cathedral.

Industrial and commercial patrons have joined with public bodies to start a new cultural initiative in the city – the Peterborough string orchestra, the first and only full-time professional orchestra in the East of England. Its normal full-time playing strength of 12 will be increased or decreased as required, and wind instruments will be added occasionally.

Such flexibility will give it probably the most diverse repertoire of any regular orchestra in the country, and Peterborough string orchestra plan to give about 100 concerts a year, including radio and television broadcasts and tours abroad.

Its organisers aim to dispel the myth that regional music does not reach London standards, arguing: "As the home of a distinguished and go-ahead new orchestra, Peterborough's image will be dramatically enhanced."

CBI CONFERENCE ● Confronting unions ● Heading for success ● Facing 'crazy' law

Strike protection wanted

Britains improved industrial relations must not be allowed to weaken the CBI's resolve to press for more legislation in this area, Dr Keith Humphreys, managing director of May and Baker, said opening a debate on the subject.

The government must be prepared to take firm legislative action on stopping strikes in the essential services if talks with the TUC were not successful and a solution must be found to protect companies from strikes by key workers.

The conference carried by a large majority Dr Humphreys's resolution that "changes to the framework of industrial relations legislation must not be sought if they cannot, in practice, be sustained; nevertheless, opportunities must be grasped to make changes today which may be needed tomorrow".

He said: "Our current experience of the Employment Acts shows they have vindicated the government's step by step' approach to legislative reform. I am convinced that the same will be true of the recently-introduced Trade Union Bill, once it is enacted. It does not seek to intervene unnecessarily in trade union affairs.

"It is not to neuter the unions, but to ensure that the rights of their members has adequate legislative support. It will be no use confronting problems in four years' time and wishing we had continued the present momentum of legislative reform.

Mr Eric Fountain, director of public affairs, Vauxhall Motors, saw little sign of the CBI, the government, the opposition or the TUC facing up to the reality of the future. He was concerned that what the conference had heard in the last two days had been short-term.

He saw no sign of the sort of leadership he would like to see coming from the CBI. There was a will on the shopfloor and a realsim to get the country moving.

Keep right on to the end of the road, says Sir Campbell

Despite all the difficulties British industry was going through it was on the right road, Sir Campbell Fraser, president of the Confederation of British Industry, said at the end of the CBI conference in Glasgow yesterday.

He used the words of the Harry Lauder song, "Keep right on to the end of the road", to set his theme.

Sir Campbell, who is also chairman of Dunlop Holdings, said: "In its slightly maudlin way the song faces up to the reality of life's persisting perplexities, but it makes the point that the proper response is to stick with it; to keep going with a strong heart and an optimistic mind.

"But there is even more to it than that. We know, inside ourselves, for all the difficulties we are going through that we are on the right road. For the first time in a very long time we are heading in the right direction."

People in industry now have a better chance to improve their reputation, their position in the world and their standard of living. Other groups like the Government, the schools and universities, and the unions had their part to play but at the end of the day responsibility for what happened rested with them.

At the beginning of his speech Sir Campbell cited the example of Glasgow's drive to attract new industry and improve the city's reputation. He said Glasgow had done immaculately well what British industry was always being asked to do: get off its butts, get on its bikes and improve its share of the world's market.

As a nation Britain had not been sufficiently successful at that. He used the words "as a nation" because the need to be more competitive applied to everyone, not just to those in industry and commerce.

Inevitably industry had had to take thankless decisions, closing or selling some businesses to keep others alive, slimming operations where it had been thought normal that seven Britons should do the job done by four Americans or three Japanese or by four Koreans at half British wages. Some firms had even lifted the roofs of buildings in order to keep rates bills down.

Sir Campbell said substantial improvements in efficiency had come, and jobs had been saved by changes in long-encrusted working practices. New attitudes were to be found as much among management as on the shop floor.

"Be damned with the conventional wisdom that the country will know only high levels of unemployment until the end of the decade.

"Who stays in the dole queue? Your son? Your daughter? The calm acceptance of more than 3 million people out of work just isn't good enough," he asserted to loud applause.

There was not even yet a rise in Britain's share of world markets as a result of the pain. Twenty years ago, Britain had 16 per cent of the world trade in manufacture. Today, she had 8 per cent. Unexpectedly, Britain's share in the service industries had fallen by almost the same amount.

It would take remarkable complacency not to recognize what this meant – Britain was nothing like as competitive as she should or could be.

Britain had clawed her way back up the competition league in the last two years but competition was a long-lasting marathon, not a fast sprint.

A nation that opted for the status quo was in real trouble and that had been part of Britain's problem.

After mentioning the value of "a bit more growth", Sir Campbell said capital projects could be of great relevance to the success of British industry in cutting business costs, encouraging economic growth and reducing unemployment.

In addition, the Government might breathe life into the European Community which he described as being "up a blind alley without a white stick". Now was the moment to promote an initiative to return the Community to its original concept of a free-flowing, vigorous



Sir Campbell: be damned with conventional wisdom . . . calm acceptance isn't enough.

Acclaim for individual wage bargaining

The conference passed by an overwhelming majority a resolution which stressed the importance of the performance of individual companies in pay bargaining. The motion drew encouragement from mounting evidence of pay settlements in the trading sector "that reflected to a much greater extent than in the recent past the particular circumstances of individual companies and attached much less weight to external factors.

Moving the motion on behalf of MacTaggart and Mickel, Sir James Goold, director of the company and past chairman of the Scottish CBI, said that in many cases obstacles to improved productivity had been swept aside.

Flexible working had enabled enterprises to be rid of demarcation lines and achieve a more positive attitude towards new technology. Some companies had achieved long-term agreements, bringing a climate of greater stability and saving valuable management time.

But all this was not to say that corporatist views did not still have a hearing. If the objective was unfettered, collective bargaining there was still a long way to go.

Mr Peter Ball, of the Engineering Employers' Federation, supported the motion with caution. He said that what one company paid in wages affected another, if not this year then next year. The private and public sectors affected each other, too. And what was good for one industry may not be good for another.

Mr Jeffrey Bartlett of the British Paper and Board Industry Federation, who opposed the motion, said excessive increases in individual companies did have an impact on others, even though it may be regrettable. "We need to take into account the collective strength of employers, too", he told delegates.

● Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman of the CBI employment policy committee and of Reed International, emphasized the importance of reducing pay settlements when he opened session on the theme: "Getting the best out of people."

Sir Alex said reductions were necessary if industry was to fight back and stop the rot.

"Our competitors are doing it," he told delegates. "We can't afford not to." The improvement was more apparent than real. They had actually lost ground internationally last year. Sir Alex said the first requirement was to use people more productively. The past record was appalling. They were still a long way behind their international competitors in Manufacturing productivity but at least they were beginning to catch up.

● Moving a resolution stating that the approach to reduced working hours was damaging job competitiveness and job prospects, Mr John Harrison, director of the Knitting Industries Federation, said that alleviation of unemployment did not lie in a 35-hour week and six weeks holiday. That was fratricide. The CBI's responsibility to stop such a lemming-like leap to self-destruction.

Mrs Alice Newell, managing director of F International, urged delegates to oppose the motion.

The resolution was agreed by a large majority.

The EEC timebombs – consultation and worker directors

The Government was urged to block EEC proposals for legislation on employee-involvement, which would be "crazy nonsense", "stupid" and cause "enormous damage", during a debate in which one delegate donned a flat cap and sang a song he had composed about the conference.

• Delegates carried unanimously a resolution that said: "Real competitiveness can only be achieved by genuine teamwork within companies which cannot exist without constructive involvement of employees in their company's affairs. This conference urges the CBI to continue to promote initiatives to secure meaningful voluntary action to improve employee-involvement and to resist the imposition of legislation".

Mr Alan O'Hea chairman of Colt International, Havant, Hampshire, in proposing the motion, said there were two time bombs which had been ticking away in Brussels for some time.

The first was the Vredeling directive of the EEC Commission dealing with inflexible, tightly drawn procedures for employee-consultation and the provision of information. The second was the Fifth Company Law Directive, to do with employee-representation and decision making at board level.

The directives had been officially adopted by the EEC Commission and were now on the desks of Mr Norman Tebbit and Mr Tom King for consideration. Some fundamental changes to company law and employment practice were at stake and business must demonstrate the stupidity of these proposals.

"Worst of all is the enormous damage which could follow as a result of replacing a voluntary and evolving approach to human relationships with an inflexible and uniform code of employee-involcement cobbled together by the Eurocrats of Brussels".

He said: "It makes crazy nonsense to offer legislation in this crucial area of human relationships. The proposed EEC legislation sees consultation and participation as an end to itself. Whereas we know that employee involvement is a means to an end – a means towards greater competitiveness, improved efficiency and job satisfaction".

He urged industrialists to consult and involve employees at the appropriate level in the decision making process and warned: "If we cannot demonstrate clearly that we are doing this, then we can be certain that Brussels or Westminster, or both, will eventually legislate to force us to do it in ways that will be damaging to British business".

Mr Richard Pettit, managing director of Vaux Breweries, Sunderland, said his company had introduced consultive committees, senior management regularly walked the shopfloor, employees had a beer ration, the chairman and himself regularly took the stage at the Sunderland Empire to talk to employees and although in an industry bedevilled by strikes, his company had not had a strike since 1966.

He then put on a cloth cap and sang a song he had composed to the tune of The Blaydon Races about the conference, referring to Sir Terence Beckett's speech on Monday, including the words:

"As the hall erupted with comments
and some chuckles.
Someone said the immortal words I think it
was bare knuckles"

It ended:

"For whilst we all are suffering with all the gloom and doom
We have learned at this great conference the world's
about volume".

Richard Pettit: A song for the conference.

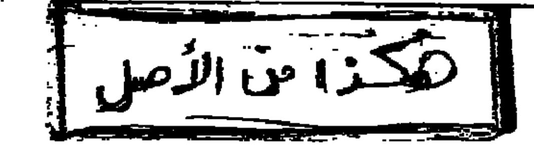
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Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.



MARKET REPORT ● by Derek Pain

Bid talk lifts Ibstock

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 31. Dealings end, Nov 11. Contango Day, Nov 14. Settlement Day, Nov 21.

Shares of Ibstock Johnson the brick group which earlier this year escaped the take over embrace of London Brick, jumped 8p to 167p yesterday on talk that the company was now planning a bid on its own account.

The stock markets favourite target was Steetley, the construction supplies group. Its shares rose 7p to 212p.

But Steetley seemed unaware of any pending bid and Mr Paul Hyde-Thomson, Ibstock's chairman, said the market speculation was "the first I have heard of any bid".

The Ibstock share advance was probably more due to Mr Hyde-Thomson's presence yesterday at his company's stockbroker, Laing and Cruickshank, where be met fund managers.

He has been exceedingly cheerful about Ibstock's prospects and I gather nothing was said to curb the optimism. In the City year's profits of about £6m are expected against a £1.4m loss.

In some quarters it is thought that London Brick is still tempted by Ibstock's production capacity and could be tempted to return with another offer next year.

Any bid for Steetley would almost certainly fall into the lap of the Monopolies Commission which is already examining a £115m offer for the company from Hepworth Ceramic. The Commission, has just been granted a three month extension and is now due to report in February.

But the Commission is expected to report within the next two weeks on the planned casino merger – between Pleasurama and Trident.

With the **Aspinall Holdings** share sale raking in the cash, suggestions are growing that Grand Metropolitan wants to sell its 29 per cent Pleasurama shareholding, whatever the Commission decides. Such thoughts trimmed Pleasurama 7p to 338p and Trident lost 2p to 111½p in sympathy.

After six days of progress shares turned mixed although some oils were stronger on the Middle East tension. Among the leaders the **P and O** shipping group responded to further share buying by Sterling Guarantee with a 6p gain to 247p.

Robert Holmes à Court continues his share build up at **Fleet Holdings**, the Daily and Sunday Express group. Yesterday he disclosed that he now has 6.3 per cent against the 5.5 per cent declared a month ago. Fleet shares gained 6p to 120½p.

Gilts experienced a quiet day. A little after houses attention helped some to score gains of up to £½.

It was not, however, a good day for a stock market debut and the much ballyhooed **French Connection** clothing group had a miserable time. It opened at the 123p issue price and then slipped to 116p before settling at 121p.

Financials were spurred by the citicorp deal with stockbrokers Vickers da Costa. The quoted stock jobber, Akroyd and Smithers and Smith Bros, gained coppers. but bankers **Guinness Peat**, embroiled in a row over the acquisition of the Moorside Trust, were unchanged at 52p, despite optimistic noises at a stockbroker lunch.

Prince of Wales Hotels, where Taddale Investmenst has a 14 per cent stake, gained 7p to 137p on talk that the shareholding may change hands.

Kode International, the once high flying high tech stock, where profits will fall below last time's £1.4m because of "unexpected technical difficulties", tumbled 50p to 225p.

London and Liverpool Trust, the office equipment to video group, remained friendless and lost a further 4p to 45 and property group, Imry, fell 10p to 260p on the cut Norwich Union share stake.

Doninion International, the the old Dundonian, jumped 6p to 126p. Talk that the property to mining group may float off shares of its Planned Savings financial services group prompted the advance.

Hotel group Queens Moat Houses has spent £17.5m on six properties in the past six weeks and now has bank borrowings of £34m. But Mr John Bairstow, the chairman, who has raised £22m through rights issue in 18 months, is not planning another cash call to shareholders. The latest acquisitions wil be funded by long term bank loans and, possibly, a fixed interest loan stock. QMH shares were unchanged at 33p.

Britain's engineering goods trading deficit will reach £9,400m by 1988, according to stockbrokers Quilter Goodison. They say that although there are indications that we are no longer competitive in engineering, the shares of APV Holdings, Bostobell and Hawker Siddeley are capital recovery situations.

BRITISH FUNDS

1982/83 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
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SHORTS · MEDIUMS · LONGS

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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DOLLAR STOCKS

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

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BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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INSURANCE

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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SHIPPING

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PROPERTY

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PLANTATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) November 8	Market rates (close) November 8	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4785-1.4870	$1.4840-1.4850	0.04-0.09c disc	0.25-0.30c disc
Montreal	$1.8295-1.8360	$1.8340-1.8350	par-0.10c disc	0.10-0.20c disc
Amsterdam	4.44½-4.47fl	4.45½-4.46½fl	1⅛-⅞c prem	3½-3c prem
Brussels	80.50-80.90f	80.75-80.85f	7c prem-3c disc	par-10c disc
Copenhagen	14.28-14.33k	14.31-14.32k	142-266ore disc	452-676ore disc
Dublin	1.2725-1.2800p	1.2755-1.2765p	28-38p disc	92-104p disc
Frankfurt	3.96-3.98½m	3.97-3.98m	1⅛-⅞pf prem	3⅛-2⅞pf prem
Lisbon	188.00-189.25e	188.50-189.00e	165-415c disc	565-1185c disc
Madrid	229.25-230.00p	229.65-229.85p	190-275c disc	670-830c disc
Milan	2402-2411lr	2406-2408lr	14-16lr disc	45-48lr disc
Oslo	11.04-11.08k	11.06½-11.07½k	415-499ore disc	1128-1214ore disc
Paris	12.06-12.11f	12.07-12.08f	2⅝-3⅛c disc	10⅝-12⅜c disc
Stockholm	11.68½-11.73½k	11.72-11.73k	279-350ore disc	704-775ore disc
Tokyo	349½-352y	350-351y	0.98-0.79y prem	2.54-2.73y prem
Vienna	27.90-28.05sch	27.97-28.02sch	9-6gro prem	23-17gro prem
Zurich	3.21½-3.24f	3.22½-3.23½f	1⅛-1⅛c prem	4⅛-3⅞c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 84.1 down 0.1.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9¼ Low 5

Week Fixed: 9½-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	[illegible]	2 months	[illegible]
3 months	8⅞	3 months	[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	[illegible]	1 month	[illegible]
2 months	[illegible]	2 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	3 months	[illegible]
6 months	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	[illegible]	7 months	[illegible]
2 months	[illegible]	8 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
4 months	[illegible]	10 months	[illegible]
5 months	[illegible]	11 months	[illegible]
6 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	[illegible]	3 months	[illegible]
7 days	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
1 month	[illegible]	1 year	[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open [illegible] Close [illegible]

1 week	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
1 month	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months [illegible] 6 months [illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.6170-1.6320
Bahrain	0.5570-0.5600
Finland	8.4790-8.5190
Greece	141.00-143.00
Hongkong	11.5270-11.5870
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4310-0.4340
Malaysia	3.4625-3.4925
Mexico	230-255
New Zealand	2.2415-2.2615
Saudi Arabia	5.1410-5.1710
Singapore	3.1485-3.1785
South Africa	1.7195-1.7345

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1630-1.1640
† Canada	1.2360-1.2363
Netherlands	3.0020-3.0040
Belgium	54.40-54.47
Denmark	9.6470-9.6520
West Germany	2.6775-2.6790
Portugal	126.50-127.30
Spain	154.70-154.80
Italy	1620.00-1621.50
Norway	7.4540-7.4590
France	8.1425-8.1575
Sweden	7.8940-7.8990
Japan	235.90-236.05
Austria	18.83-18.84
Switzerland	2.1735-2.1755

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8085-0.8091

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 9-10; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, 10-10⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am. $382.15 (an ounce); pm. $382.25 close. $381.25-382 (£257-257.50).

Krugerrand* (per coin): $393-394.50 (£264.75-265.75).

Sovereigns* (new): $89.75-90.75 (£60.50-61.25).

* Excludes VAT

FOOTBALL

Mistakes leave Osman's Ipswich place in danger

The Ipswich town and England defender, Russell Osman, may pay the penalty for recent mistakes by being omitted from the team for tonight's Milk Cup third round tie, at home to Queen's Park Rangers. Osman, blamed by the manager, Bobby Ferguson, for West Ham United's two goals on Saturday, seems likely to be dropped, although a decision will not be made until today.

Osman starts a two-match suspension on Saturday, after being sent off at Southampton 10 days ago, and Ferguson is contemplating the introduction of Kevin Steggles for his first match of the season in Osman's place. Irvin Gernon may be recalled after being left out at West Ham, and the youth team player, Mark Brennan, could be included in the senior squad for the first time after impressive performances recently in both the youth and reserve teams.

The QPR central defender, Steve Wicks, is doubtful following the shoulder injury he sustained during the home defeat by Luton Town. Alan McDonald will deputise for Wicks if necessary. Mike Fillery, Tony Sealy and Mike Flanagan are also in the QPR party. The forward, Wayne Fereday, is still recovering from a broken bone in his right foot, and is expected to be out for at least another fortnight.

Perry Suckling, the England youth international goalkeeper, is called in by Coventry City for the tie at Goodison Park, as a replacement for the Yugoslav international, Raddy Avramovic, who is suffering from a back strain. With the former Tottenham Hotspur forward, Terry Gibson, suspended for two matches after being sent off in the Milk Cup second leg match against Grimsby, reserve, John Hendrie has been included.

The Manchester City Manager, Billy Mcneill, has resisted the temptation to recall Kevin Bond at Aston Villa.

Bond has been out of action for six weeks following an exploratory groin operation, and is short of match practice.

McNeill said yesterday: "I was thinking of bringing Kevin back at Villa Park, buy in fairness it might be a bit early. He came through an "A" team matcjh on Saturday, and I will have another look at him in tonight's reserve game with Notts County." City will be unchanged from the team that won at Shrewsbury on Saturday, with only the substitute's position to be decided. McNeill added: "It may be that I will put Kevin Bond on the substitute's bench, but I will decided on that after tonight's reserve game."



Osman: Recent errors

Villa, with Mark Walters still troubled by a knee injury, will be unchanged. Paul Birch keeps his midfield place, after the weekend defeat of Manchester United, and Villa are again expected to use Colin Gibson in a wide midfield role.

David Speedie is Chelsea's only worry for the tie at home to West Bromwich Albion. The forward pulled a hamstrong on Saturday at Oldham, and faces a fitness test this morning. Colin Lee, who substituted for Speedie on Saturday, stands by. If Speedie is ruled out, the manager, John Neal, could choose as substitute one of four experienced reserves, Mickey Droy, Alan Hudson, Tony McAndrew or Chris Hutchings.

Although Albion's England forward Cyrille Regis, misses the game through injury, Neal has warned his defence against complacency. "Albion are a sound first division side and will give us a hard game, but I'm glad Regis isn't playing, because he's a good player," said Neal.

John Deehan looks likely to make his first-team comeback for Norwich City against Sunderland as a substitute. Deehan impressed in the reserves' 4-0 win over Tottenham on Saturday, and providing he shows no adverse reaction to a back injury, he is likely to figure in Norwich's plans, but Brown will probably keep faith with the side that beat Southampton on Saturday.

The Oxford United wingers, George Lawrence and Kevin Brock, are both doubtful for the tie at Leeds. Lawrence missed Saturday's game against Sheffield United with a thigh strain, and Brock limped off in the second half with an instep injury. The central defender, Gary Briggs, is suspended after being sent off in the second round against Newcastle, and Trevor Hebberd, who normally plays in midfield, again takes his place.

Kevin Hird and Eddie Gray are still unfit, so Leeds United retain the side that drew with Crystal Palace. Either Aiden Butterworth or Gary Hamson will be substitute.

● Hull, in the third division, who almost closed less than two years' ago when debts caused them to call in receivers, have announced a £10,347 profit for the year to July 31. They are now £94,000 in credit, after being £450,000 in the red at the start of the year.





Alex Fergusson (top) with Aberdeen's reward, and Fernando Gomes with a shoe he cannot wear.

Belgians only there for the scenery

Berne, (Reuter) – Belgium, already assured of a trip to France for the European Championship finals next year, simply have to go through the motions against Switzerland in their final Group One qualifying match here today. The Belgians are unbeaten in the group and hold a convincing five-point lead over Scotland and Switzerland with bottom-placed East Germany six points adrift.

While the Belgian manager, Guy Thys, is likely to pick a full strength side with the championship finals just seven months away, Paul Wolfisberg has already begun reshaping his Swiss side with an eye on the 1986 World Cup Finals.

Many of Wolfisberg's changes have been forced by injuries, but he has drafted four under-21 players – Andre Ladner and Marco Schaellibaum (midfield), and Beat Sutter and Pascal Zaugg (forward), into the squad.

Two forwards, Ruedi Elsener and Manfred Braschler have joined the goalkeeper Erich Burgener, the midfield player Michel Decastel and the defender, Gian-Pietro Zapper on the injury list.

Lucien Favre, of Toulouse, was released from the party by Wolfisberg so he can play in the French club's league match against Metz on Friday.

Wolfisberg will want his inexperienced side to beat the Belgians though, and avenge the 3-0 thrashing they received in Brussels in the opening group one match in October last year. The Servette forward, Jean-Paul Brigger, last season's top league scorer, and Basle's Sutter are again expected to lead the attack.

But the Belgians, with Eric Gerets, the captain, poised to win his fiftieth cap and the 16-man squad boasting 10 players with more than 20 caps each, are likely to prove too composed and capable for the Swiss and should run out comfortable winners.

SWITZERLAND PARTY: Berbig, Waser, Wehrli, Egli, In-albon, Luedi, Ladner, Schaellibaum, Geiger, Hermann, Koller, Ponte, Brigger, Sutter, Zaugg.

BELGIUM PARTY: Pfaff, Munaron, Meeuws, Gerets, Millecamps, De Wolf, Van der Smissen, Coeck, Ceulemans, Vercauteren, Verheyen, Mommens, Claesen, Van der Elst, Vandenbergh, Voordeckers.

TENNIS

Leconte, artist and actor, tumbles to a disciplined Swede

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Stefan Simonsson, at 23 the older of two tennis-playing brothers from Sweden, was the first player to confound the world rankings in the Benson & Hedges championships at Wembley. Simonsson, who is ranked 58th, beat Henri Leconte, ranked 17th, by 6-4, 1-6, 12-10 in two hours and 24 minutes after Leconte had served for the match at 9-8 in the third set.

Britain's most highly ranked player, Colin Dowdeswell, was beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in an hour and 29 minutes by Vitas Gerulaitis, the eighth seed. These were good matches and they were playing on the same court while, next door, Henrik Sundstrom was beating Mario Martinez at the cost of one game, Shlomo Glickstein was winning a rather lugubrious contest with Corrado Barazzutti, and Wojtek Fibak was (with difficulty) giving Pavel Slozil a lesson in court-craft. With Leconte on one court and Fibak on the other, the spectacle must have been fun for those with seats commanding a view of both courts.

To say that Simonsson beat Leconte is to give a flattering impression of the Swede's influence on the outcome of the match. At his best, Leconte is too good for the likes of Simonsson. At his worst, Leconte can lose to almost anyone good enough to gain direct entry to a tournament of this quality.

In most of his matches Leconte combines the best and worst in unpredictable proportions. From one rally to the next, there is no knowing how well he will play. The man is exciting, charming, and infuriating. There is something of the early Rod Laver in him and something of the Ile Natase (early or late).

Artist and actor in one, the left-handed Leconte continually flirts with that hazy frontier between the daring and the reckless. He thinks, for example, that the lines are targets. Often he hits them. But he is just as capable of making huge errors. At 20 he has reached a critical phase of his development.

Too often, he plays from the heart rather than the head and sometimes it seems that his racket arm is receiving messages from neither direction. Within a year or two we should know whether he will be remembered as a great player or a sporadic outburst of fireworks.

Yesterday Leconte served 18 aces and, in the first five games of the second set conceded only six points. At times he was unplayable. It was much to Simonsson's credit that he kept his head and, except for a tendency to serve double-faults, displayed a disciplined tidiness that Leconte could seldom match.

It was a pity that such a droll, amusing chap as Leconte sometimes gave way to a surly arrogance which implied that, unless they agreed with him, the court officials must be wrong about fine decisions.

The tennis was patchy, and, except when Leconte was "firing", commonplace. But this was a thrilling match that offered the bonus of a comprehensive education in backhands: left-handed, right-handed, two-handed, chipped and top-spun.

Dowdeswell, who once played a Davis Cup tie for what was then Rhodesia, is an engaging recruit to Britain's limited resources. The fact that he is delightfully serene company is to some extent irrelevant. What matters is that he is a loose-limbed, richly talented athlete with an uncommon flair for tennis, a delectable touch on the volley, and an attitude that combines the adventurous with the subtle. Dowdeswell takes the ball early but nudges it rather than belting it. His aggressive instincts are expressed by stealth rather than brutality.

For a while all this was enough to contain the restless, fidgety Gerulaitis, who can always find something to do even when there is nothing to do. Gerulaitis was thoughtful and composed, quiet and businesslike – and not quite good enough. Midway through the second set, though, Gerulaitis changed gear. He began to work harder, mentally and physically, and move faster. His services and returns began to ask increasingly searching questions. In short, he raised the tempo – and the easy-going Dowdeswell could not respond.

Dowdeswell said later that his next task would be to work on his fitness and strength before the United States indoor circuit. Maybe he should have the gearbox serviced at the same time. As Gerulaitis demonstrated – and Vladimir Krtz used to – most men can be broken by controlled changes of pace.

Arnesen is recalled

Copenhagen (Reuter) – Frank Arnesen is back in the Danish team for next week's European Championship match against Greece in Athens.

Arnesen, aged 27, with Belgian side Anderlecht, was included in a squad of 15 named yesterday despite suffering knee trouble all season.

"Frank has still a lot to catch up on after his long break", Sepp Piontek, Denmark's trainer, said. "But I'll probably let him on at the start on condition that he plays flat out."

Piontek has made no other changes following the 1-0 defeat in Hungary last month. "This is not the time to try any experiments", he said.

Ole Rasmussen, of Hertha Berlin, or Ole Madsen, of Danish club, Broendby, will be added to the party today, Piontek said. A Danish victory will ensure them a place in next year's finals at the expense of England.

SQUAD: O Kjaer, O Qvist, S Busk, I Nielsen, M Olsen, J Molby, J Bertelsen, J Lauridsen, A Simonsen, S Lerby, F Arnesen, J Olsen, K Berggreen, M Laudrup, P Elkjaer.

Firmani returns

Eddie Firmani, who coached the New York Cosmos to consecutive North American League titles in 1977 and 1978, has returned to the club, replacing Julio Mazzei.

Price set to return

Alan Brazil and Paul Price have been included in Totenham Hotspur's 13-stong sqade for the milk cup third round tie with Arsenal at White Hart Lane tonight.

Brazil has tasted first team action only once – as substitute against Feyenoord last week in the Uefa Cup in Rotterdam – since being withdrawn from the live televised match with Nottingham Forest on October 2. The last of Prices four appearances was at Wolverhampton a fortnight later.

Price: Last played at Molineux

With Mabbutt out of the local derby – and England's European Championship match with Luxembourg – a place could be found for Price in a reshuffle, but Brazil is again likely to be on the bench.

The assistant manager, Peter Shrieeves, said: "We have great respect for Arsenal. It will be the toughest of of games for us. They lost unexpectedly to Sunderland on Saturday, but when they've lost they've nearly always hit back with an outstanding result in the next match."

The Arsenal manager, Terry Neill, is quite confident that O'Leary and Woodcock will be fit for the match. O'Leary missed Saturday's defeat with a hamstring injury and was replaced by 17-year-old Tony Adams. Woodcock, eight goals in the last three league games, left the ground with an ankle heavily strapped.

Neill is still not giving up hope about Davis (groin injury), but he has definitely ruled out Talbot, who injured a calf on Saturday. Reserve midfield player Dave Madden, who has been impressive in the Football Combination side is called in as cover.

Neill said: "It's a vital match for us and a great one for North London. Local derbies can sometimes be a disappointment but I hope this one lives up to its promise for the crowd's sake."

Aberdeen are top

Paris (AP) – The Portuguese centre-forward, Fernando Gomes, received the 1983 "Golden Shoe" award yesterday as the leading scorer in European football last season, and Aberdeen won the trophy as the top club.

The 26-year-old Gomes scored 36 goals in 29 matches for Porto during the 1982-83 season. Aberdeen won the Cup Winners' Cup in June and the Scottish Cup.

Gomes, who joined Porto at the age of 15, is only the second Portuguese player in the 16-year history of the awards to win the "Golden Shoe", which was presented by the former West German international, Franz Beckenbauer.

Aberdeen's manager, Alex Ferguson, said after the awards ceremony: "It's marvellous. We have a team with very young players, and I think we are getting better than last year."

Peter Houtman, who scored 30 goals in the Dutch league with Feyenoord, received the "Silver Shoe" as Europe's second leading scorer.

The bronze shoe went to Nikos Anastopoulos, of Olympiakos, who scored 29 goals in the Greek league. Hamburg won the Silver trophy as Europe's second best club. The bronze trophy was shared by RSC Anderlecht, of Belgium, Juventus, of Italy, and Real Madrid, of Spain.

Rummenigge fined

Munich (Reuter) – West German football captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has been fined £750 for unsporting conduct. The disciplinary committee of the West German Football Federation (DFB) fined the Bayern Munich forward after an incident during last month's home match with Borussia Moenchengladbach when fans whistled referee Manfred Neuner for booking Rummenigge.

Rummenigge, a former European footballer of the year, was clearly upset by the booking and signalled the crowd to whistle louder. Afterwards Rummenigge, who has a reputation for good sportsmanship, apologized for his behaviour and blamed it on a momentary lapse.

The fine appears to be part of a crack-down by DFB disciplinary chief Hans Kindermann to protect referees. He has also threatened action against Hamburg captain Felix Magath for sharply criticising a referee after his side's recent match against Borussia. In addition Nuremberg trainer Rudi Kroener faces disciplinary proceedings over an allegation that he insulted a referee.

Firm hand by Dougan

Derek Dougan, chief executive and chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers, yesterday warned off any impending takeover bids by stating "The club is not for sale". George Clark, a local businessman and son of former Wolves director, claims he is gathering financial support from wealthy industrialists in a bid to oust the Dougan-led directors at Molineux.

Clark, who was involved last year in launching a Wolves survival fund, says he plans to put pressure on the Wolves owners, the Arab-backed Allied Properties, for a statement on future plicy.

"The time has come when I feel we have to try and force them to say whether they plan to put any money into the club. Unless we act quickly I believe we are going to run out of time."

Dougan dismissed Clark's campaign. "How can we consider a takeover when we are not selling? Where were these people last year when we saved the club? There was only one horse in the race.

"I am ecstatic we have still got a football club. I am delighted to be associated with people who have given written undertakings to the local authority and the Department of the Environment that football will still be played at Molineux for many years to come."

Seed but no flower

By Lewine Mair

It was not long after she had failed to meet her 10.0am starting time in the Lawn Tennis Associations international satellite tournament at the Thurleston Tennis Centre, Ipswich, that Sally Reeves, the second seed, was traced to Göthenburg.

The Kent girl had committed the cardinal sin of entering two tournaments in the one week and had made a further mistake of failing to tell the organizers at Ipswich that she had opted for the Swedish event rather than the British.

Sandra Okin, the tournament director, sought permission from the LTA to scratch Miss Reeves from the three remaining tournaments on this month-long circuit which carries valuable WTA computer points during the final Masters week.

"Even had she phoned," Miss Okin said, "we should have taken the same action. Sally is a professional tennis player and she must be aware of the rule stating that she is not allowed to enter two tournaments at the one time. This kind of things creates havoc with the draw – and it is doubly bad when the player involved is a seed."

Sarah Sullivan, the third seed, has pulled out with influenza but Judith Warrenga, of the Netherlands, the No 1 seed, remains and this morning meets Siobhan Nicholson, the Irish No 1.

Among the more intresting matches yesterday was that between Belinda Borneo of Bedfordshire and Joanne Louis, of Devon. Miss Borneo defeated Miss Louis in the final of the British 18 and under covered court championship at the start of the season but, yesterday, Miss Louis emerged the winner 6–3, 0–6, 6–2.

Miss Borneo's second set was superb, but at the start of the match and again towards the end, this most talented of players lacked control.

RESULTS: J Louis (GB) bt B Borneo (GB), 6–3, 0–6, 6–2; L Geeves (GB) bt J Rich (GB), 6–3, 6–4; S Mair (GB) bt S Hack (WG), 6–3, 6–4; E Walliser (WG) bt C Bhaguandas (GB), 2–6, 7–5, 7–5; C Fullerton (US) bt S Whiteman (GB), 7–5, 6–0; K Schuurman (Bel) bt A Canapi (It), 6–2, 7–6; I Cueto (WG) bt K Reynolds (US), 6–2, 7–5; H Kauffman (Bel) bt A Simpkin (GB), 6–1, 6–4.



Coppell: A footballer looking for his position in life.

'Footballers are like turtles – thousands are hatched but few ever reach the water'

Coppell limbers up for the game of his life in the draughty streets of Doleville

I was drinking coffee with this unemployed graduate the other day. He was wearing his interview suit and talking quietly about such things as serious possibilities and even more serious dreams. There are a good few of these. But for all that, it is no fun being out of a job, even when you are not naturally gifted in the techniques of self-pity.

The unemployed graduate was called Steve Coppell, late of Tranmere Rovers, Manchester United and England, graduate in economics of Liverpool University and throughout his career a purveyor of ultra-non-flashy excellence. The England manager, Bobby Robson, once said that Coppell was always the first name he wrote on his team list.

But no more. Coppell was forced to retire when, after the third operation on his dicky knee, the surgeon told him that playing in a park kickabout could cripple him. Another footballer at the end of the road, another statistic in a high wastage profession. However, Coppell is more thoughtful, self-aware and more analytical character than the legions who find themselves in this situation and can put the problems the former footballer faces in an appropriately hard and cold light.

"Footballers find themselves starting out on the ladder of life at the age of around 30, knowing that most people of that age are several rungs ahead of them," he said. "Your life is so protected as a footballer. Take going abroad. You give your passport to the club secretary a week before you leave and that is the end of your responsibilities. Everything gets taken care of.

"You just turn up at the ground and you are taken to the airport, taken to the hotel, given a meal when you arrive... even if you want to try and do something on your own initiative it wouldn't be encouraged. "Then you leave all that at the tender age of 30... and yes, you find that it's pretty draughty out there, to say the least."

Hangers-on

"Some people have ideas about going into business. Yet moving from a protected life in football out into the cold, hard business world is not easy. A footballer can put in only a part-time commitment to any business while he is still playing and most footballers are lucky if they can afford to have just one bash at business. There is only one chance. And yet thousands of businesses run by *experienced* people go to the wall every year.

"After 10 or 15 years in football a player is going to have only basic knowledge at best of any business. If he is in with good people he can trust, then he has a better chance than most, because there are plenty of hangers-on in football who are happy enough to use an ex-players name in business but who will look after their own interests first. That is the way many footballers go straight from the peak of success to a trough of financial despair."

This will not happen to Coppell. One of the men he has to thank for this is Tom Docherty, not the first name that springs to mind when compiling a list of champions of academe. Yet Docherty played the most significant role in Coppell's professional life.

In his first year at university Coppell played for Tranmere as an amateur; In his second he signed as a part-time professional. Halfway through his final year he was bought by Docherty, then manager of Manchester United, for £40,000. "I wanted to drop the degree then but Docherty spoke for it. I'm glad he did. A degree isn't going to get me a job, it doesn't have a great deal of practical significance, but it does show you can knuckle down, that you're capable of serious work."

Coppell is one of the odd breed who are not ashamed of liking work: he has often said that working for his degree was a helpful break from football and vice versa. Last year "as a hobby, like" he got into the habit of dropping in to see his accountant "to muck around with facts and figures – I found it interesting."

Such a man should not be lost to football and it is unlikely that he will be. "I've had a few tentative offers. At the end of the month I will weigh everything up and make a decision. I've an open mind, I'll do anything. But most of all, I would like a plum job in football, like assistant to an experienced manager. But it's not an ideal world, is it?"

Smarter

He is also thinking about an autobiography; but be gone, ye ghostly legions, put your spectral typewriters away: Coppell will defy tradition and write it himself. "I'm trying to work out the structure. I wouldn't want to tell a straight story and I would like it to appeal to non-football people as well. That won't be easy."

Coppell is smarter than the average footballer but is quick to leap to the defence of the men in his profession. He has a lot of practice doing that as chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and he is also eager to point out that football is not populated exclusively by thick-headed philistines. How-do-you-feel questions in television interviews are impossible to answer intelligently: "Take Norman Whiteside, he's not thick – he's just a very shy man and being on television is hard for him."

Coppell has spent a lot of time trying to improve conditions for professional footballers, knowing that outside the first division wages are no better than ordinary, that at cost-cutting times such as these clubs get ruthless, that heavy fines can be struck for piffling reasons and that "common sense flies out the window."

He is a man who has managed to win and to hold the respect of just about every body in football – a feat you would have thought impossible.

He talks not glibly, but thoughtfully, fully aware of the problems of professional football and his career will be one to follow with interest.

About 75 per cent of the players who enter professional football are discarded before they are 21, a disconcerting statistic. "It's like turtles in the South Seas," Coppell said. "Thousands are hatched on the beaches but few of them ever reach the water."

Simon Barnes

IN BRIEF

Malvern men in charge

The Malvern first pair, brothers Mark and Paul Nicholls, second seeds in the Noel Bruce Cup, reached the semi-finals by defeating the Winchester first pair, Peter Seabrook and Robert Sutton, 18–13, 16–14, 11–15, 15–5, 15–6 at Queen's Club last night, William Stephens writes.

The Nicholls brothers, who reached the finals of the British open doubles championship last season, used the strength of their shoulders in their punched shots to force their opponents into a reactive role, while the less fit Wykehamists went for unrealistic shots as they tired.

Quarter-finals: Malvern I (M W Nicholls and P C Nicholls) beat Winchester I (P G Seabrook and R H Sutton), 18–13, 16–14, 11–15, 15–5, 15–6.

SQUASH RACKETS: World Championship Squash, the promoters' syndicate to revolutionising the professional game with multi-coloured courts and new scoring systems, arrived last night at the semi-final stage of their inangural Pro-Kennex Classic tournament, at Yarmouth, with a line-up as startling as their new format, a special correspondent writer.

Wheresa most recent major tournaments have produced a final quartet in which a lone Australian seeks to split a trio of top Pakistanis, WCS managed, with their blue floor, white ball and controversial 11-point American scoring, to achieve a line-up of three Australians, William Dittmar and Thorne, against Hiddy Jaman, the Pakistan-born England number one.

The world's two leading players, Jahangir Khan and Qamar Zaman of Pakistan, are absent in America instead of playing on the new all-transparent courts at Yarmouth's Marine Centre in front of Anglia Television's cameras for £4,000 of prize money.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

TAIPEI: International championships: First round: B Gilbert (US) bt J Bates (US) 7-6, 6-4; A Andrew (US) bt M Edmondson (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; M Anger (Can) bt S Giammalva (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt J McCurdy (Aus) 6-7, 6-0, 6-2; Tim Gullikson (US) bt K Warwick (Aus) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; S Davis (US) bt P DuPre (US) 6-3, 6-0; J Frawley (Aus) bt S Meister (US) 7-5, 6-2; D Gitlin (US) bt J Austin (US) 7-6, 7-6.

DEERFIELD BEACH: Women's tournament: First round US unless stated: B Herr bt H Ludloff 6-2, 6-2; D Christian bt S Acker 6-4, 7-6; K Sands bt T Phelps 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; L Arraya (Peru) bt P Louie 7-5, 7-6; S Leo (Aus) bt L Forood 6-2, 6-1; B Gadusek bt S Foltz 6-1, 6-1; A Smith bt G Rush 6-3, 6-2; W White bt C Benjamin 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

STOCKHOLM: Grand prix tournament: Final: M Wilander (Swe) bt T Smid (Cz) 6-1, 7-5.

GRAND PRIX: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 2,614pts; 2, M Wilander (Sw), 2,501; 3, J Connors (US), 2,160; 4, J McEnroe (US), 2,000; 5, Y Noah (Fr), 1,682; 6, J Arias (US), 1,680; 7, J Higueras (Sp), 1,333; 8, A Gomez (Ec), 1,179; 9, J-L Clerc (Arg), 1,125; 10, E Teltscher (US), 993; 11, T Smid (Cz), 939; 12, G Vilas (Arg), 936.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: Second round: Sherborne bt Wellington (Somerset) 3-2.

CYCLING

MUNICH: Six-day race: Leading positions: 1, U Freuler (Switz) and R Pijnen (Bel), 271 pts; 2, D Thurau (WG) and G Frank (Den), 233, 1 lap behind; 3, J Dristen and H Schuetz (WG), 287, 3; 4, G Wiggins (Aus) and A Doyle (GB) 229, 4; 5, H Rinklin and A Fritz (WG), 240, 13.

CRICKET

CAPE TOWN: Currie Cup: Eastern Province 373 (P Willey 111, D Howell 74 not out) and 209 (W Larkins 110; G le Roux 5 for 53, D Hobson 5 for 75; Western Province 587 fo 7 dec (G Gooch 163, L Seeff 128, Kirsten 58, J Emburey 52 not out). Western Province won by an innings and 5 runs.

PRETORIA: Transvaal 288 for 6 dec (J Cook 80, H Fotheringham 54) and 222 for 7 dec (S Clarke 78 not out, J Cook 74 not out) Northern Transvaal 233 (M Yachad 81, N Day 65 and 199 for 6 (Yachad 49) match drawn.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Monday: Detroit Lions 15, New York Giants 9.

Sunday: Dallas Cowboys 27, Philadelphia Eagles 20; Washington Redskins 45, St Louis Cardinals 7; Pittsburgh Steelers 26, San Diego Chargers 3; Miami Dolphins 20, San Francisco 49ers 17; New England Patriots 21, Buffalo Bills 7; Baltimore Colts 17, New York Jets 14; Los Angeles Raiders 28, Kansas City Chiefs 20; Seattle Seahawks 27, Denver Bronchos 19; Los Angeles Rams 21, Chicago Bears 14; New Orleans Saints 27, Atlanta Falcons 10; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 17, Minnesota Vikings 12; Green Bay Packers 35, Cleveland Browns 21; Cincinnati Bengals 55, Houston Oilers 14.

FOOTBALL

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Banik Ostrava 5, Spartak Trnava 0; Lokomotive Kosice 0; Dukla Prague 0; Slovan Bratislava 5, Slavia Prague 0; Zvu Zilina 1, RH Cheb 2; Plastika Nitra 2, TJ Vitkovice 0; Tatran Presov 1, Inter Bratislava 1; Dukla Prague 2, SU Teplice 1; Bohemians Prague 0, Sparta Prague 1.

RUGBY UNION

Rafter's injury keeps him out of county game

Mike Rafter, the Gloucester captain, has withdrawn from the county championship match with Yorkshire at Kingsholm on Saturday because of a hamstring injury. The Bristol and former England flanker has played only five first-class matches this season on account on the injury. "It would not be fair on the rest of the team to play unless I could give 100 per cent," he said.

He is replaced by his Bristol colleague, Hone, who will be making his first county appearance. Rafter's replacement as captain looks likely to be either the Bristol scrum half, Harding, or the Gloucester prop forward, against the All Blacks on Tuesday.

Lancashire, out for their first championship win of the season, have made a big shake-up in the pack for the match against Devon at Fyde. The Orrell pair, Cusani and Fletcher, are replaced by a Scottish trialist look, Ian Mckie, of Sale, and the former first-choice conty prop, Tabern, of Fylde, respectively.

Also recalled is Connor, of Waterloo, the regular No 8 until injury forced him out more tahn a year ago, after which he could not recover his place. Moss, of Liverpool, who succeeded him, has been moved over to wing forward.

Two new caps are the stand-off half, Phillips of Sale, and the Hooker, Hitchen, of Orrell. Phillips plays alongside his club colleague, Smith, while Hitchen steps up for Dixon, of Fylde, who was suspended after being sent off near the end of the game against Middlesex.

Devon include three newcomers who, they hope, will give a better balance to a side struggling to remain in the first division. They are a centre, Jim Meak in (Devon and Cornwall Police), loose head prop, David Sole (Exeter University) and a flanker, Paul Westgate (Exeter). They take over from Triggs Hocking (Plymouth Albion) and Brooks (Bath).

Two years after retiring from rugby Trevor Corless will make his fifthieth appearance for North Midlands against Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire at Beeston. Corless's last appearance was in the final of the old-style county championship when North lost to Lancashire and Bill Beaumont's career ended abruptly.

He has been playing for Mosley's second team and has designs on his old first-team place. At 36 his appetite for rugby is as keen as ever.

Another front-row change by North sees Moses return at tighthead while the captain, Nutt, resumes after injury in the second row instead of at No 8.

Marcus Rose will make his first appearance for Surrey against Northumberland at Sunbury. The 25-year-old former England full back will therefore miss Rosslyn Park's first home game of the season on their reseeded Roehampton pitch against Newport.

Sainter, the wing, and Curtis, Allchurch and Montgomery, the forwards, are also on Surry duty. The hooker, Johnson, and the prop, Henderson, are still injured. Keith-Roach, aged 39, who won two strikes against the head opposite Mills, the England reserve hooker, in last Saturday's defeat at Gloucester, captains the side, for whom Edwards makes his first senior appearance.

Bess, Bath's third-choice hooker, makes his first appearance for Somerset against Middlesex at Bridgwater. He is brought in because Cunningham is required as a replacement for Scotland and his usual deputy, Adams, dislocated a shoulder last weekend.

Cumbria make three changes for their game with Eastern Counties at Carlisle. Kendal, will play his first county game at full back.

Hodgkinson replaces his injured Blackheath colleague, Norton, in the Kent side to play Cheshire at Birkenhead Park.

Rafter is still unable to give 100 per cent

Centres in competition

Agen (Reuter) – The Australian centres, Andrew Slack and Gary Ella, will be partners and rivals in the match against a French selection here tonight.

Whoever performs the better is likely to partner Michael Hawker at centre in next Sunday's international against France in Clermont-Ferrand.

Slack has partnered Hawker in 11 internationals for Australia, but he says: "Ever since I came into test football against Wales in 1978, I've felt under pressure to keep my spot. It's no different now. I've been reasonably happy with my form, but I won't be surprised if I don't play on Sunday."

Gary Ella has emerged as a serious rival to Slack after three outstanding tour games. The touring side will want to restore their morale tonight following the 15-9 defeat they suffered last Saturday against a French Provincial XV in Perpignan.

TEAM: Glen Ella: R Hanley, A Slack, Gary Ella, B Moon: M Lynagh, D Vaughan: D Hall (captain), S Tuynman, J Miller, S Cutler, N Holt, A McIntyre, T Lawton, O Hall.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rovers' return tie with Hull

The scent of revenge is in the air in two of the ties in the second round of the John Player Special Trophy. Featherstone Rovers, who beat Hull in the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley last May, have been drawn at home with the favourites, giving Hull the opportunity to wipe away the memory of that stunning defeat.

On the other side of the Pennines there is a replay of the Lancashire Cup Final. Widnes entertain Barrow, who beat them in the County Cup Final. Widnes will expect vengeance, although Barrow are playing splendidly and have gone 13 games without defeat.

The holders, Wigan, seem to have an easy task in progressing to the quarter-finals, with a home tie against Salford, who are having a bad time in the first division. Cardiff City, who appear in the second round for the first time, have a home tie against the giant-killers of the first round, Huyton, while Carlisle get another home tie, this time against strong Lancashire opposition in Leigh.

There are two outstanding games between neighbouring clubs. Leeds play Hull Kingston Rovers, who are carrying everything before them; and Warrington and St Helens fight out a typical cup derby at Wilderspool. The remaining tie gives and opportunity for a second division club, Keighley or Swinton, to progress to the quarter-finals.

Wigan v Salford, Leeds v Hull KR, Featherstone v Hull, Cardiff City v Huyton, Carlisle v Leigh, Keighley v Swinton, Warrington v St Helens, Widnes v Barrow. Ties to be played on November 19 and 20.

New caps for Great Britain

The Great Britain amateur team have two new caps in their side for the international match against the undeaten New Zealand Maoris at the Boulevard, Hull, on Saturday. They are Wigan St Patrick's Andy Bailey, the Great Britain youth full back last year, and the Cumbrian scrum half Ged Goligy, from Holker Pioneers.

Great Britain have lost only two internationals since the formation of the British Amateur Rugby League Association in 1973 and are unbeaten at home. Leading his country for the first time is the centre from Millom, Jim Bawden, who moves to loose forward.

GREAT BRITAIN: Bailey (Wigan St Patricks), McGowan (Dewsbury Celtic), Andrews (Beecroft), Collinson (NDLB), Cirtchenson (Ace), Denman (Mysons), Goligy (Holker Pioneers) Wheeler, (Lockdane), Brown (Lockdane), O'Connor (Yew Tree), Cottrell (Leigh Miners), Disken (Dewsbury Celtic), Bawden, (Millom). Subs: Amor (Wath Brow), Hough (Waterhead).

The Maoris, who have won all six games of their eight-match tour, play the Oldham League at the Watersheddings today, the last provincial game before Saturday's test. The tourists will be determined to keep their 100 per cent record but Sid Miller, the Oldham Coach, said: "We aim to become the first team to beat the maoris and they can expect a hard game."

MAORIS: N Wright, Lovett, Ropati, D Bell, Kupa, Tupaea, Friend, Cowan, Clark, I Bell, Tuuta, Schaumkell, McGahan. Subs: Paki, Waitai, D Wright, Poasa.

Two changes for French game

Great Britain have been forced to make changes in their under-24 side for the game against France at Villeneuve on Friday. Ellery Hanley (Bradford Northern) and Lee Crooks (Hull) are ruled out with injuries.

Neil Holding (St Helens) takes over from Hanley while Brian Dunn (Wigan) moves to the front row with Wayne Proctor (Hull) being brought into the second row. Brian Noble, the Bradford Northern hooker and British captain, has passed a fitness test on a damaged knee and will play.

RACING: LACK OF RAIN BRINGS DROUGHT OF RUNNERS

Tudor Road could be streets ahead

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Firm ground continues to be the scourge of the current jumping season, not just on the racecourse but on private gallops as well. While most trainers can keep their horses ticking over on all-weather gallops these days there is no substitute for a good old-fashioned gallop on the grass.

All the trainers to whom I spoke yesterday said that rain was badly needed now over a prolonged period to ease the ground on both the gallops and the schooling grounds where horses are taught to jump over practice hurdles and fences. Without it fields will continue to shrivel because, having waited so long, owners and trainers are simply not prepared to risk their expensive purchases.

Today's card at Newbury has been reduced to five races because the Winterbourne Handicap Steeplechase is a walkover for Ragafan. Duke of Milan and Voice of Progress are two that I expect to see doing well over fences in due course, but without the benefit of a race this season they could be at a disadvantage in the Halloween Novices Steeplechase and Tudor Road, who has won his last two races at Worcester, is preferred. Monza, the only other runner in the field with any real form this autumn, was beaten a long way by Noddy's Ryde at Cheltenham a fortnight ago.

It was on the same afternoon at Cheltenham that Lion Hill won a handicap hurdle over three miles and a furlong. Having seen him do so I am convinced that he will be up to beating the recent Ascot winner, Besieged, in the Chequers Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

The Queen Mother's decision to have a horse in training with Bob Champion will go down well with the many who have grown to appreciate the contribution that each have made to the sport. Army Council, the horse in question, runs for the first time under National Hunt rules in the first division of the Wood Speen Novices Hurdle.

Two years ago Army Council finished third in a flat race at Beverley when he was trained by William Hastings-Bass. Champion had given Army Council a thorough grounding in preparation for this his latest venture, but what little form we have at our disposal points to the recent Cheltenham winner, Gratification, and Barrister Boy.

The finish of the other division could also be dominated by another two representatives of the powerful Winter-Walwyn stables, namely Don Giovanni and Midnight Fling. Don Giovanni, who has been gelded and hobdayed since last season, shaped very promisingly in his only race this autumn, even though he finished unplaced behind Connaught River and is preferred.

Intergration, who beat Broadheath here a week ago, has another warm-up for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in the Curridge Handicap Steeplechase. The question today is not so much whether he can beat Money For Jam, who is fully exposed, but whether he can cope with Hy-Ko who won his last race at Newton Abbot by the proverbial length of Piccadilly. Before that Ky-Ko had won by eight lengths

Richards angered by £250 fine

Gordon Richards, the Greystoke (Cumbria) trainer, left Portman Square an angry man yesterday, afternoon having being fined £250 for schooling a horse in public. After a two and threequarter hour inquiry at the Jockey Club's London headquarters, Richards said: "It's disgraceful, I've done nothing wrong."

Neale Doughty, the stable jockey who rode Tartan Trader in the Galloway Hill's Handicap Hurdle at Ayr on October 8, said: If Gordon's getting done for schooling in public, how can I get away scot-free? It takes the jockey to stop the horse." Tartan Trader started 5 to 1 in the eight-runner race, and finished last, well over 20 lengths behind

York race would cut across the Derby

By Michael Phillips

In yesterday's *Times* Michael Seely dealt with the pros and cons of staging a new race with £100,000 added over nine furlongs at York on the Saturday before Royal Ascot. In going into both the case for it put by *Timeform* and the case against put by the Stewards of the Jockey Club it seems that one point has been missed by both sides. That is that it could easily undermine the Derby, which surely must be avoided whatever the cost.

The idea behind the conditions of the new race is to provide an opportunity for three-year-olds between the 2,000 Guineas (one mile) and the Eclipse Stakes (one and a quarter miles). Michael Seely's article quoted *Timeform's* assistant managing director, Geoff Greetham, as saying: "This year for example it would have been an ideal race for Lomond and Tolomeo, both horses of doubtful stamina, to have had their first tilt against the older generation."

My counter to Mr Greetham is that no matter where those two eventually finished at Epsom the Derby would have had a much less exciting build-up and it would have been a much poorer spectacle but for the presence in the field of the two colts who finished first and second in the Guineas.

Heaven forbid the temptation not to run such high-class colts in the Derby is ever put in our way. At that stage of their careers Sir Ivor, Nijinsky, Mill Reef, Roberto, Grundy and The Minstrel might all have been tempted to opt for the alternative and what a poorer race the Derby would have been.

The Derby is run on the first Wednesday in June. It has always been a supreme test for three-year-olds and it must remain so with no by-passes. Run as early as it is there is still plenty of time for those of dubious stamina to find their proper distance late in the season, as Tolomeo did this year and Wollow before him.

Speaking from his home in Newmarket yesterday Tolomeo's trainer, Luca Cumani, confessed to having divided loyalties. While on the one hand he obviously wants to see as much money injected into racing as possible he also appreciates and understands the Jockey Club's point concerning the pattern.

"After the Guineas you mkae up yopur mind whether you have a Derby horse or a miler", Cumani said. "If you have a Derby horse you go to Epsom; if you have a miler you go to Royal Ascot for the St James's Palace Stakes. To run another race such as the one proposed at York in between would simply cut across both".

Peter Willet, the President of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, is equally adamant that nothing should happen to undermine the Derby as a test. He said yesterday: "You don't know for certain what is a miler or a middle distance horse until he has run in the Derby and you don't want to pre-empt that test as that would be defeating the traditional method of evaluating horses."

● The Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday, has attracted 18 runners at the four-day declarations. Fifty Dollars More, last year's winner, heads the betting at 5-1 with Ladbrokes. Other prices are, 7–1 King Or Country, 8–1 Pounentes and The Lady's Master.

Visconti makes brilliant debut

Visconti, who won four of his six races over hurdles last season, showed all the signs of developing into a top chaser at Bangor-on-Dee yesterday. Michael Dickinson's seven-year-old, tackling the larger obstacles for the first time, effortlessly landed the odds of 2 to 1 laid on him in the Jones and Son Auctioneers Novices' Chase.

Robert Earnshaw had Visconti in the lead all the way and the horse warmed to his jumping. After fighting off North Down he drew clear of his field to come home 15 lengths clear of Premier Charlie, who took second place from Pearlyking by half a length. This was Dickinson's fourteenth victory of the season.

Day to forget for Carson and son

Willie Carson and family had a disappointing day yesterday. It started badly for the champion Flat jockey when he had a fall hunting in Cheshire. He then travelled to Hereford races for the first time in his life to see his son Tony, aged 20, have his first ride only to find that Tony's intended mount, Dantes Tree, could not run.

Although Dantes Tree was not due to race until the seventh and last event, the Grunwick Stakes National Hunt race, he and his connexions missed the declaration time by two minutes after two hold-ups on their journey from Sheffield. The executive had done their best to save the day by broadcasting calls for the trainer, Fred Gibson.

Newbury

Tote Double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30 (only two legs)

1.0 WOOD SPEEN HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,421: 2m 100yd) (7 runners)

101	322-1	GRATIFICATION (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 6-11-5	B de Haan
103	2-	BARRISTER BOY (T Pilkington) F Walwyn 5-11-0	K Mooney
105	00-0	BOUNCE BOY (M Sanderson) Miss A Sinclair 7-11-0	S Johnson
109	f0/p-	HELLO SOLDIER (E Jones) E Jones 6-11-0	A Webber
113	090p/00	NORFOLK STORM (T Purnell) L Kennard 5-11-0	C Brown
117		ARMY COUNCIL (Queen Mother) B Champion 4-10-12	H Davies
124		DROM LADY (F Heggas) N Gaselee 4-10-7	S Smith Eccles

11-10 Gratifications, 5-2 Barrister Boy, 11-2 Army Council, 7 Bounce Boy, 12 Drom Lady, 20 others.

1.30 CURRIDGE CHASE (Handicap: £2,557: 3m) (6)

202	101231-	BURNT OAK (Eng C Harvey) D Nicholson 7-11-7	P Scudamore
203	340-211	MONEY FOR JAM (D) (British Thoroughbred) G Balding 10-11-1	B Reilly
205	030-211	HY-KO (D) (Mrs M Brubaker) D Gandolfo 7-10-13	P Barton
209	44fp21	INTEGRATION (CD) (E Retter) E Retter 9-10-9 (7 ex)	H Davies
211	1030-20	BALLYSPILLANE (D) (M Bradstock) F Walwyn 9-10-3	Mr M Bradstock 7
214	220000-	STORMY SPRING (Miss J Tainton) D Nicholson 8-10-0	N Madden

7-4 Hy-Ko, 11-4 Integration, 4 Burnt Oak, 6 Money For Jam, 12 Ballyspillane, 16 Stormy Spring.

2.0 HALLOWEEN CHASE (Novices: £2,745: 2m 160yd) (6)

302	113301-	DUKE OF MILAN (Counter Products) N Gaselee 6-11-8	S Smith Eccles
306	2001-uf	SAYS EYE (B Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 8-11-8	Mr N Babbage
307	3233fp-	SIR GORDON (D Sanger) D Nicholson 8-11-8	N Madden
309	00-4311	TUDOR ROAD (A Stoddart) L Kennard 8-11-8	C Brown
313	011040-	VOICE OF PROGRESS (M Vestey) D Nicholson 5-11-5	P Scudamore
314	1044-12	MONZA (J Fenwick) P Cundell 5-11-0	R Rowe

13-8 Tudor Road, 5-2 Duke Of Milan, 4 Monza, 7 Voice Of Progress, 12 Sir Gordon, 16 Says Eye.

2.30 CHEQUERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,842: 3m 120yd) (5)

408	0003-11	LION HILL (Capt P Percy) N Henderson 6-12-0 (7 ex)	P Croucher
409	044001	BESIEGED (C) (B) (A Blane) P Cundell 5-11-12 (7 ex)	M Rimmer
413	2400-20	ALMIGHTY ZEUS (D Hodges) D Elsworth 8-11-6	R Arnott
418	000/0-0	FITZGAYLE (A Darlington) D Barons 5-10-13	R Chapman
523	34000-4	QUESTURNIUS (Miss J Gough) H Willis 8-10-0	K Burke

4-5 Lion Hill, 15-8 Besieged, 8 Almighty Zeus, 16 Fitzgayle, 20 Questurnius.

3.0 WOOD SPEEN HURDLE (Div II: novices: £1,444: 2m 100yd)

501	803/3-1	WINGED KESTREL (D Underwood) B Stevens 5-11-5	R Rowe
505		CHIEF SPEAKER (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 5-11-0	K Caplen 7
509	020p-	MIDNIGHT FLING (M Kimmins) F Walwyn 5-11-0	W Smith
517	0-0	DON GIOVANNI (Ld H de Walden) F Winter 4-10-12	B de Haan
518	03p000-	GUEST SPEAKER (Maj D Wigan) B Champion 4-10-12	H Davies
525		THE CATCHPOOL (D Bill) N Gaselee 4-10-12	V McKevitt 4

7-4 Winged Kestrel, 5-2 Don Giovanni, 4 Chief Speaker, 8 Midnight Fling, 12 Guest Speaker, 16 The Catchpool.

3.15 WINTERBOURNE CHASE (Handicap: £2,364: 2m 160yd) (1)

803	011121-	RAGAFAN (C Wood) R Smyth 6-11-7	M Perrett

WALKSOVER

Newbury selections

By Michael Phillips

1.0 Gratification. 1.30 Hy-Ko. 2.0 Tudor Road. 2.30 Lion Hill. 3.0 Don Giovanni.

Sedgefield selections

By Michael Phillips

1.15 Young Adventurer, 1.45 Star Alliance, 2.15 Kumon Suhshine, 2.45 Dear Remus, 3.15 Norton Cross, 3.45 Tumble Jim.

Sedgefield

1.15 CARLTON HURDLE (Selling: £424: 2m 4) (5 runners)

3	40000-3	YOUNG ADVENTURER (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 4-11-12	S P Grant
4	0-000	ALIMP (N Waggott) N Waggott 4-11-7	Mr D Franks 7
7		MIST MIRAGE (S Torr) J Berry 3-10-10	J J O'Neill
10		REMAINDER LINE (G Cooper) T Kersey 3-10-10	C Pimlott
11		TUDOR FUN (R Morris) R Morris 3-10-10	P Dever 7

6-5 Young Adventurer, 100-30 Remainder Line, 9-2 Alimp, 13-2 Mist Mirage, 10 Tudor Fun.

1.45 STILLINGTON HURDLE (handicap: £927: 2m) (8)

2		MAYERLING LODGE (R Bethell) R A Bethell 7-11-10	A Dickman
3	0F-0410	SLOANE STREET (D) (J Dooler) J Dooler 6-11-7 (7 ex)	D Oldham
7	421-852	STAR ALLIANCE (R Bates) R Morris 5-11-3	J J O'Neill
8	04-0000	DANZIG (E Stanton) C Wardman 6-11-2	C Hawkins
9	328236	TARSUS (S Galpin) J L Harris 4-11-0	J A Harris
12	41323-0	DUSTY FARLOW (R Morris) R Morris 4-10-11	Miss L Wallace 7
15	284-140	SICILLIAN GOLD (D) (D Pearson) G R Harman 6-10-2	D Dutton
18	P000-11	FELIXSTOWE LAD (J Rocks) R Johnson 4-10-0	–

13-8 Felixstowe Lad, 11-4 Star Alliance, 7-2 Tarsus, 13-2 Dusty Farlow, 12 Sloane Street, 16 others.

2.15 DICK BREWITT CHASE (handicap: £1,545: 3m 600yd) (3)

1	21-3103	KUMON SUNSHINE (C) (J Cowan) D Yeoman 8-11-10	J J O'Neill
5	30FP0-P	TWIFLIGHT (CD) (G Leadbitter) B Wilkinson 8-10-7	D Goulding
7	1020-PP	BUCKSOME (CD) (Mike Doyle Marketing) C Wardman 10-10-2	C Hawkins

8-15 Kumon Sunshine, 7-2 Bucksome, Twilight.

2.45 REDMARSHALL CHASE (handicap: £995: 2m) (5)

2	342000	STONEHALL PRINCE (D) (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 9-11-7	G Bradley
3	244432	DR GUILLOTINE (D) (Mrs W Fairgrieve) W Fairgrieve 8-11-0	K Jones 4
4	314100	DEAR REMUS (CD) (J Nicholson) J Harris 11-10-13	J A Harris
5	PP-2030	OKEHAMPTON (W Holden) W Holden 8-10-13	J J O'Neill
6	P32004	VISCOUNT (B) (Mrs V Thompson) V Thompson 9-11-2	Mr M Thompson

Evens Dr Guillotine, 11-4 Dear Remus, 9-2 Stonehall Prince, 10 Viscount, 14 Okehampton.

3.15 MIDRIDGE CHASE (novices: £721: 2m) (6)

6	0300-PP	JIMMY CHIPS (W Raw) W Raw 6-11-3	B Storey 4
7	03-00F8	LUNAR WIND (Mrs M Price) J Parkes 8-11-3	S Youlden 7
8	42400-2	NORTON CROSS (Maj J Linley) M H Easterby 5-11-3	J J O'Neill
10	0P00/F4	RIVER SPECK (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 8-11-3	S P Grant
14	0/0F00-	SUPER CAR (A Watson) A Watson 10-10-12	K Whyte
16		VILLIERSTOWN (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-10-5	K Jones 4

4-6 Norton Cross, 5 Lunar Wind, 13-2 Villierstown, 14 River Speck, 20 Super Car, 33 Jimmy Chips.

3.45 CORNFORTH HURDLE (novices: amateurs: £345: 2m) (9)

2	00-84F	CASTALLACK (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-12-3	P Hughes 7
3	2800-04	FROSTY TOUCH (Mrs E Slack) Mrs E Slack 5-12-3	Miss D Slack 7
9		BEL HARBOUR (B) (P Carnevale) J Norton 4-11-12	Miss J Thickett 7
11	U	BRITISH PRINCE (G Cooper) T Kersey 4-11-12	Miss J Middleton 7
13	0/00-00	DENETOP LADY (F Musgrave) F Musgrave 4-11-12	A Denson 7
14	00	HOUGHTON WEAVER (W Holden) W Holden 4-11-12	P Dennis 7
20		THE RIDINGS (H Whitton) R Tate 4-11-12	R Tate 7
21	4230-04	TUMBLE JIM (B) (Herondale Ltd) M Naughton 4-11-12	D Browne
23	0080/FP	WOODLAND PATH (Mrs S Bradley) J Parkes 8-11-12	A Hambly 7

11-8 Tumble Jim, 5-2 Frosty Touch, 6 Castallack, Houghton Weaver, 14 The Ridings, 25 others.

Hereford results

1.0 LUGG HURDLE (novices: £891: 2m 4f)

ONLY FOR LOVE b g, by Golden Love – Proud Wednesday (Mr J Mould) 4-11-0 ... P Scudamore (7-4 fav) 1
Scotch Princess ... J Burke (3-1) 2
Ballycloran Lass ... A Webber (2-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.00, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £6.82. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. 7l, 15l. Deep Coach (16-1) 4th. 14 ran. NR: Inspector.

1.30 ALLENSMORE CHASE (novices: £1,176: 3m 1f)

COUNTY HOME ch g, by Pyrenean – Home Chart (P Gibney) 6-10-12 ... P Barton (40-1) 1
Cal Mal ... Mr P Schofield (9-1) 2
Dr Pepper ... P Scudamore (4-5 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £19.30. Places: £7.50, £3.70. DF: £208.70. CSF: £284.82. D Gandolfo at Wantage. 3l, 10l. Plain Jim (100-30) 4th. 7 ran.

2.00 FOWNHOPE HURDLE (handicap: £1,021: 3m 1f)

SEA CARGO ch m Sea Wolf – Escargot (J Johnson) 8-10-12 ... A Webber (20-1) 1
Free Choice ... P Hobbs (5-1) 2
NEVER DEEMED ... B De Haan (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £15.20. Places: £1.80, £1.40, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £74.20. CSF: £111.12. Tricast: £533.11. J Johnsonat Hereford. ½l, 4l. Morning Match (14-1) 4th. Ever-So-Sure & Native Break (3-1 jt-favs) 16 ran. NR: Mallard Song.

2.30 HUGH SUMNER CHASE (handicap: £1,305: 2m)

GENEROUS BID b g by Ward McAllister–Maraude II (Mrs K Lloyd) 6-10-6 bl ... K Mooney (14-1) 1
Ballybutler ... M Richards (4-1) 2
Bird Stream ... P Dever (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £21.40. Places: £3.90, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £53.80. CSF: £61.54. J Wright at Bromyard. 5l, 10l. Intoxicated (11-1) 4th. Double Step (9-4 fav) 9 ran.

3.0 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (novices: £1,163: 2m)

GROCKLE br g by Copsale–Royal Revenze (D Barons) 6-10-10 J Frost (9-4 Fav) ... 1
Jubilee Dove ... C Smith (6-1) 2
Hope End ... P Murphy (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.20. Places: £1.30, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £12.30. CSF: £19.32. D Barons at Kingsbridge. 1l, 6l. Timsun (33-1) 4th. 14 ran.

3.30 OPELLA TAP CHASE (Limited Handicap: £1,284: 2m 4f)

BASHFUL LAD, b g, by Straight Lad – Slave Light (Mrs F Parkes) 8-10-8 ... A Webber (15-8) 1
Ballymilan ... A Webb (11-2) 2
Cruise Missile ... P Croucher (Evens fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.50. Places: £1.60, £2.00. DF: £4.40. CSF: £11.10. M Oliver at Droitwich. 3l, 1½l. Chinrullah (9-1) 4th. 5 ran.

4.00 GRUNWICK STAKES (Flat: £849: 2m)

EAGLE TAVERN [illegible] ... 1
Proud Anthony ... [illegible] 2
Hopwas ... [illegible] 3

TOTE: [illegible] PLACEPOT: £141.70.

Bangor-on-Dee

Going: Good

1.15 DUCKINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (Selling: handicap: £527: 2m 80yd)

BEAMING LASS br f by Silly Season – Oh Well (D Burchell) 4-11-8 ... W Knox (3-1) 1
Fort Lamy ... Jessica Turner (12-1) 2
The Knife ... C Cowley (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.80. Places: £1.60, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £28.30. CSF: £36.85. Tricast: £465.20. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. ¾ l, 15l. Little Ginger (11-4 fav) 4th. 12 ran. Sold to Mr S Holder for 1,500 guineas. NR: Shamrock Nail.

1.45 WORTHENBURY CHASE (Handicap: £1,290: 2m 170yd)

PERCIPIENT br g by Ebornezer – Sea Through (K Goodall) 9-10-12 ... Mr D Coakley (4-1) 1
The Surveyor ... J J O'Neill (4-5 fav) 2

TOTE: Win: £3.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.38. G W Richards at Greystoke. 30l. Only 2 finished.

2.15 JONES & SON AUCTIONEERS CHASE (Novices: £1,124: 2m 4f 70yd)

VISCONTI b g by Lord Gayle – Jane Shaw (R Gunner) 7-11-1 ... R Earnshaw (1-2 fav) 1
Premier Charlie ... K Whyte (9-2) 2
Pearlyking ... Mr A J Wilson (11-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.50. Places: £1.00, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £3.84. M Dickinson at Harewood. 15l, ½ l. Emperor Napoleon (33-1) 4th. 11 ran. NR: Ring-Lou, Top Reef.

2.45 CHORLTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £483: 2m 80yd)

KILSYTH b f by Jolly Good – Harmony Thyme (V Guy) 4-10-5 ... W Know (7-4 fav) 1
Misty Dale ... N Madden (5-1) 2
Pepe Last ... C Price (33-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.80. Places: £1.70, £3.40, £5.00. DF: £25.60. CSF: £11.43. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. Glen Maye (10-1) 4th. 13 ran.

3.15 ELLESMERE CHASE (handicap: £1,186: 3m 200yd)

FAVOURITE FELLA ch g by Sandstone – Family Favourite (G Chamberlain) 11-10-5 ... A Chamberlain (20-1) 1
Burslor ... Mr D Coakley (7-4 fav) 2
Flittermere ... J J O'Neill (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £28.20. Places: £6.50, £1.70. DF: £242.20. CSF: £52.98. A Chamberlain at Swindon. ½l, 2l. Anointed (3-1) 4th. 7 ran.

3.45 CHORLTON HURDLE (Div II: novices: £483: 2m 80yd)

CHAMP CHICKEN b g Pitpen – Bob's Hansel (Champ Chicken Co Ltd) 4-10-7 J J O'Neill (7-1) 1
Sandwalker ... S Morshead (8-13 fav) 2
Another Special ... K Teelan (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £7.40. Places: £3.10, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £9.50. CSF: £12.66. D McCain at Southport. 4l, hd. Prince Reviewer (12-1) 4th. 14 ran.

● John O'Neill, is 5-4 on with William Hill to be champion jockey this year. Peter Scudamore is 7-4, and the sidelined title-holder John Francome 7-2.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Special Treat, Auchencraft, Salmonds Hill.

MOTOR RACING

Alfa Romeo opt for Cheever and Patrese

By John Blunsden

Three more pieces of the 1984 Grand Prix jigsaw fell into place yesterday with the news that the Euroracing team, which operates the former works Alfa Romeos, will be appearing next year with new drivers and new sponsorship, and that Andrea de Cesaris, who led the Alfa Romeo team in 1983, has left to join Ligier, ending speculation that Carlos Reuteman might be tempted out of retirement by the French team.

Eddie Cheever, whose place in the Renault team has recently been taken by Derek Warwick, of Britain, will be driving one of the Alfa Romeos, and the second car is scheduled to be driven by Riccardo Patrese, who seems to have become disenchanted with the Brabham team, for whom he won the final race of the season just ended in South Africa. Patrese's place in the Italian team is expected to be confirmed before the end of this week in conjunction with the news that Benetton, the Italian clothing manufacturers, have agreed to sponsor the Alfa Romeos next year.

Last season, the Benetton colours were carried by the Tyrrell-Fords, but Ken Tyrerell is currently searching for replacement sponsorship, as well as a driver to join Danny Sullivan, whom Tyrrell aim to retain in 1984. "The trouble is," according to Mr Tyrell, "the messages I get are 'no turbo, no sponsorship', and of course we don't have a turbo." However he is far from dismayed at the prospect of using Ford Cosworth DFY engines again next year.

"With fuel tankage restricted to 220 litres and with no refuelling allowed, the turbos will have to lose about 100 horsepower just to last the race," said Mr Tyrell. "We will be able to start races with about 160 litres, so we will be about a hundred pounds lighter on the starting grid. We will lose out in qualifying, of course, but we should have little difficulty in passing quite a lot of them when the race starts. Mind you, I'd rather start from the front of the grid; that way, at least you avoid the accidents. Having said that, I'm sure we'll be considerably more competitive next year, than we have been in 1983."

BOARD SAILING

Norwegian sails ahead

Hamilton, Bermuda (Reuter) – Sven Rasmussen of Norway held an unexpected lead after the first two races of the world Windglider championships.

Rasmussen, aged 21, sailed consistently in light and shifting winds to take two third places and lead the 81-strong field with 11.4 points.

Patrice Villier of France was second on 14.7 points after finishing second and sixth. World lightweight champion Stephan van den Berg of Holland was third with 19.7 after a sixth and a fourth.

The seven-race championships are the first without separate weight divisions. Van den Berg's main rival, Italian heavyweight world champion Klaus Maran is eighth overall after finishing seventh and fifteenth yesterday.

The morning race was won by Australian Bob Wilmot. Wilmot, whose brother-in-law Hugh Tremarne was a tactics expert on the winning America's Cup yacht Australia II, is sailing only his second series on a Windglider board – the official board chosen for the sport's Olympic debut next year in Los Angeles. The afternoon race was won by Australian Bjoern Eybl.

BOXING

Pride can be the fall of Duran

Las Vegas, (AP) – Three years have passed since Roberto Duran turned his back and walked away from Sugar Ray Leonard, losing the welterweight championship in disgrace, and Marvin Hagler is worried that could mean trouble for Duran in tomorrow night's world middleweight championship.

"He's got a lot of pride and a lot of pressure because of that thing that happened," Hagler said. "It could be bad because he could stand in there and take a beating. If it goes 15, he'll take a beating."

From Duran's standpoint, the battle in New Orleans when he abandoned his title against Leonard is ancient history. At first discarded as a washed-up quitter, he fought his way back to another title. "I am redeemed," he said after beating Pipino Cuevas last January and Davey Moore for the World Boxing Association light-middleweight crown last June. That gave Duran his third championship – he had earlier won the lightweight and welterweight titles. If he beats Hagler he will become the first man in boxing history to win four titles. It is no small incentive.

His old friend Luis Spada, who stayed with Duran when others thought he was through, guided him through those comeback bouts and is convinced that his man is in the best shape of his career for Hagler.

Spada also sees no problem moving up to middleweight. "I am sure Roberto is in shape and when he is in shape he can beat anybody from the middleweight division down".

Hagler's purse is a guaranteed $5m and Duran will get $4m. When percentages from other income are added, the package could grow to a combined $15m. That is why there is a certain respect in his voice when Hagler talks about Duran. "Duran is gutsy," he said. "He'll fight anybody, and he has an edge because he's been through this before."

Duran said he has "trained harder for this fight than for any fight of my life, because I am going for the fourth title and most people say Marvin Hagler is invincible." That is understandable. Hagler has won 31 bouts since 1976 with only a draw in a title fight against the champion Vito Antuofermo in 1979 marring the streak. He is convinced he won that contest, too, but all the draw did was delay his claiming the division crown for a year. Hagler won it by knocking out Alan Minter at Wembley in 1980. Since then, Duran and Hagler have travelled different roads. Hagler has had seven defences, and won inside the distance.

● Las Vegas (Reuter) – The World Boxing Council (WBC) will recognize the contest between the heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes and Marvis Frazier as a title bout "any day now", the promoter, Murad Muhammad, said yesterday.

The November 25 bout, licensed by the Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) for 12 rounds, has not yet been recognized as a title bout by the WBC because Frazier is ranked outside their top 10. But Muhammad said he expected the WBC executive committee to rate Frazier among their top 10.

New opponent for Sibson

Tony Sibson has a new opponent for his return to British boxing at Wembley on November 22. The Leicester middleweight was expected to fight Leroy Hester, but the American has withdrawn because of contractual difficulties. Bruce Johnson, from Florida, who beat Hester on points in April, has been named as the replacement.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Milk Cup, third round
Aston Villa v Manchester City
Chelsea v West Bromwich Albion
Everton v Coventry City
Ipswich Town v QP Rangers
Leeds United v Oxford United
Norwich City v Sunderland
Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal (8.0).

Fourth division
Chester v Blackpool.

Scottish League Cup
Alloa v Dundee United
Morton v Motherwell
Clydebank v Rangers
Hearts v St Mirren
Meadowbank v Aberdeen
St Johnstone v Dundee
Celtic v Airdrieonians
Kilmarnock v Hibernian.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second round, first leg: Scarborough v Boston United; Yeovil v Bath. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Aston Villa (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Blackburn (7.0); West Bromwich Albion v Stoke (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Liverpool (7.15) Second division: Barnsley v Preston (7.0); Huddersfield v Bradford City. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Leicester v Charlton (2.30). SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton Coldfield v Bedworth. FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Wrexham v Mansfield; Erith and Belvedere v Oxford United; Reading v Cambridge United; Gravesend v Woking.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division: Mosely v Horsham; Tring v St Albans.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Northampton v Bournemouth (2.0).
INTER-LEAGUE: Kent League v Sussex County League (at Sittingbourne FC).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Combined Services v Southampton XI (at Military Stadium, Aldershot, 2.30); London University v Southern Amateur League XI (at Motspur Park, 2.30).
U.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: South East (2.15): East Anglia v Brunel; Essex v City; Surrey v Kent; Sussex v LSE. South West (2.15): Reading v Bath; Southampton v Bristol.
OTHER MATCH: Canterbury v Gillingham XI.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Oxford University (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Swansea (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Abertillery (7.15); Gloucester v South Wales Police (7.0); Maesteg v Neath (7.0); Newport v Pontypridd (7.0); West Hartlepool v Middlesborough (7.0).

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE: Oxford University v Spencer (2.15).
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP – Qualifying rounds: South East: East Anglia v Brunel; Essex v City; Surrey v Kent; Sussex v LSE. South West: Reading v Bath; Southampton v Bristol.
WOMEN'S UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: South East: East Anglia v Brunel; Essex v City; Surrey v Kent; Sussex v LSE.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Oldham League v New Zealand Maoris (at Oldham).

BASKETBALL

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Storm clouds gathering over Edinburgh event

By Iain Mackenzie

The thirteenth Commonwealth Games due to be held in Edinburgh in 1986, and probably costing a record £15m, could take place without a team from England, or alternatively without at least some of the member nations with predominantly black populations. If the Rugby Football Union decide to proceed with the proposed tour of South Africa in 1985, and the indications are that they will, serious political repercussions will follow.

This was acknowledged at a press conference yesterday at the organising committee's recently opened headquarters in Edinburgh, when the two executives responsible for publicity and fund-raising were named. The executive chairman for the Games, Kenneth Borthwick, a former lord provost of the city, agreed that the rugby tour posed a potential problem, but indicated that he preferred to play a waiting game.

"Rugby is not a Commonwealth Games sport, and we have no jurisdiction over the RFU", he said. "However we shall not just sit back and allow events to take their course. If or when the tour is confirmed, we shall make the strongest possible protests to those involved. There will certainly be approaches to Twickenham and to Mr Neil MacFarlane, the Minister for Sport."

The organizers are well aware that the Games, which are to return to a former venue for the first time, could be reduced in both size and quality if black African nations, possibly supported by West Indian and other countries, pull out. They are also conscious of the extreme embarrassment which would arise were there to be demands for England's withdrawal, but at this stage no official moves will be made to halt the rugby tour.

"It would be jumping the gun to protect formally just now," said Mr Borthwick. He declined an offer from BBC television to go on record with a public request for the tour plans to be abandoned, and added: "We cannot protest against something which is only at the proposal stage, but we shall definitely do so immediately the RFU confirms its intentions."

Sand Sutherland, the public relations officer for the Games and one of the executives introduced yesterday, said: "The threat of political interference and possible boycott is part of the present day scene in international sport, and it is something we have to live with. It has been known for some time that an England rugby tour of South Africa the year before the Games would inevitably create problems, but for the moment we must await developments."

Mr Sutherland said that exclusion of England was likely only to follow the refusal by the English Commonwealth Games Council to protest formally to the rugby authorities, and dissociate themselves entirely from the tour. If they failed to do so, the English team could be excluded, by virtue of having their invitation withheld; otherwise it would be for black countries to reach their own decisions.

"We believe it is perfectly possible for competitors of whatever colour to take part in what is essentially a family affair", he said, "with or without the presence of England, but obviously we want every member nation to participate."

Rugby authorities in South Africa are convinced that the tour will take place. Doctor Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, said in Cape Town during a conference for rugby writers in August: "There is no doubt in my mind that England will be here in 1985. I accept that as a fact. We are interested in playing rugby football, not politics."

The Games will be staged with no direct financial support from the government. Mark Barker, the other executive appointed yesterday, said he is looking to raise about £10m for the running costs alone. A further £5m will be provided by the local authority to upgrade venues and facilities, but that money will come from existing funds, and not ratepayers.

"It is now recognised that an event of this type must be run strictly on commercial lines", said Mr Barker. "It is unrealistic to expect government grants, or to have the ratepayers stand the cost. The city will guarantee a loss of up to £250,000, but we intend to make some profit." For the first time in the history of either the Olympic or Commonwealth Games, stadia advertising will be allowed. A national appeal is to be launched in Scotland immediately after the appeal for Britain's participation in the Los Angeles Olympics next year, and hospitality tents will be available to commercial companies, from £25,000 each. Sponsorship, the licensing of the as yet unannounced official symbol and mascot, and individual fund-raising exercised by various sports bodies are also part of the scheme.

CRICKET

Somerset unlikely to be regarded as a special case

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

To eliminate the inequalities thrown up by the present rules of eligibility for playing county championship cricket, and to accelerate the reduction of overseas players in the English first-class game, the executive committee of the Test and County Board have made a number of recommendations. These will be considered at a special meeting of the board at Lord's today.

Five years ago, urged to do so by the Cricketers' Association, the TCCB ruled that from 1982 no county should be allowed to include, in any of the four main competitions, more than one overseas player, unless they had had them under contract, or been in negotiation with them, before November 1978. It was hoped that by now, through natural wastage, this regulation would have had the effect of restricting all but one or two counties to a single West Indian, Pakistani or whoever.

Instead, last summer, seven of the 17 first-class counties still had two or more "qualified" overseas players on their staffs. Not surprisingly, this is seen by the counties which have only one as giving those with two an unfair advantage, a view which hardened when it became known that Somerset have Richards and Garner under contract until the end of the 1986 season. In no other county do contracts with overseas players extend beyond 1985.

While Glamorgan are already having to choose between playing Javed Miandad and Winston Davis, and Gloucestershire between Zaheer Abbas and Franklyn Stephenson, Somerset, if things stay as they are, will be entitled to play Garner and Richards in the same side for another three seasons.

What the executive committee have now proposed is that after 1985 no county other than Somerset shall be permitted more than one overseas player. The reason for making an exception of Somerset is the fear of legal repercussions (restriction of trade and such like) if Garner or Richards were to be forced out with his contract unexpired.

Somerset, I think are unlikely to get away with being made a special case. If the end of 1985 is accepted as being the best cut-off, either Garner's salary or Richards's would more likely be levied from the other 16 counties.

Gloucestershire and Glamorgan, as proposers and seconders, have put forward this each county should be allowed two overseas players for the next three seasons, with an across-the-board reduction to one in 1987; either that or they should all be reduced to one at the end of the 1984 season at the latest. All Glamorgan and Gloucestershire ask is for a "fair deal" which they consider they are not getting at the moment.



Richards (left) and Garner: a big threat to India

The Cricketers' Association, who will be represented at today's meeting and carry no little weight in such matters, favour the position as it is. It is their opinion that it would still be best to let natural wastage take its course, according to the 1978 doctrine. Somewhere, I expect, there will be a compromise, though with each and every county being guided by its own interests, not much altruism can be expected.

While they are about it, it would be no bad thing if the TCCB were to decide today that something must also be done about tightening the rules for overseas players, such as the two South Africans, Allan Lamb ad Chris Smith, regarding their eligibility for England.

Unless they do, there will soon be more players of "foreign extraction" in the Enlgand side than Englishmen. I have yet to be convinced that the best answer might not be to make naturalization a prerequisite of Test selection.

Holding and Vengsarkar out of one-day game

Baroda (Reuter) – Michael Holding, the West Indies fast bowler, and Dilip Vengsarkar, India's in-form batsman, will miss the second one-day international here today. Holding has not recovered from the hamstring injury he suffered during the drawn second Test match in Delhi last week; Vengsarkar has influenza.

If West Indies need a fourth pace bowler rather than an extra batsman – as in the first limited-overs match in Srinagar three weeks ago – Daniel will replace Holding. Otherwise the team will be completed by Logie, the specialist batsman. The other pace bowlers in the side are Roberts, Marshall and Baptiste.

Roberts, who was injured at practice on the eve of the first Test match at the end of October and missed that game as well as the second Test, returned for the three-day match against an Indian Cricket Board President's XI which ended in a draw in Nagpur on Monday.

Roberts had long spells in the first innings of that match and took two for 29, satisfying the tour selectors that he was fit again.

West Indies, who lost their World Cup crown when beaten by India in the final of the one-day tournament at Lord's last June, won at Srinagar in the opening game of a five-match series by a faster scoring rate. The match was affected by rain and bad light.

India's batting will be weakened by the last-minute withdrawal of Vengasarkar, who scored his Test best of 159 in Delhi last week.

The Indian selectors had no time to send for a replacement from outside Baroda and completed the squad by including Gaekwad, a Test opener, His is a local boy but is considered too slow a batsman for one-day cricket.

Gaekwad, however, is unlikely to play, and the last place will probably go to Shastri, the all rounder. The other change in the side that lost at Srinagar is Malhotra for Yashpal Sharma, his fellow middle-order batsman.

INDIA (from): Kapil Dev (captain), S M Gavaskar, K Srikkanth, A D Gaekwad, A H Malhotra, S M Patil, R M H Binny, S Madan Lal, R J Shastri, Kirti Azad, S M H Kirmani, B S Sandhu.

WEST INDIES (from): C H Lloyd (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, I V A Richards, H A Gomes, A L Logie, P H Dujon, E A E Baptiste, R A Harper, M D Marshall, A M E Roberts, W W Daniel.

HOCKEY

Dutch and Spanish miss Hongkong tournament

By Sydney Friskin

While Roger Self, the manager of the Great Britain team, was still contemplating the final composition of his side, information was received from The Hague yesterday that the Netherlands had withdrawn from the international tournament starting in Hongkong on December 8. Spain, too, who had been asked to fill the vacancy, have also declined the invitation.

A spokesman for the Dutch Hockey Association said that injuries and indoor hockey commitments had finally forced them to withdraw, particularly after their disappointing performance recently in Karachi. There, they not only lost the Champions Trophy, which they had held for two years, but also finished fifth in a field of six teams, one place above New Zealand.

Speaking in Barcelona yesterday Juan Calzado, the secretary of the Spanish Hockey Federation, said: "We have had too much hockey this year and apart from that, business commitments have come in the way of selecting a proper team." He too confirmed that the Netherlands had withdrawn.

It now looks as if the Hongkong tournament will revert to its original format of 10 teams as planned and not 12. As long as the Dutch were there, the organizers had intended to extend the invitation to Macao if Spain had declined, but now that both the Netherlands and Spain have pulled out, it hardly seems likely that Macao, a little known name in world hockey, will be asked to play. The 10 teams remaining are: Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Canada, Hongkong and Great Britain.

The field is still sufficiently attractive, however, for Britain to achieve a record favourable enough to earn selection for the Olympic Games. One of their objectives is to beat Malaysia and finish ahead of them in the final placings at Hongkong. Maylaysia themselves are hoping to be picked for the Olympic Games on the basis of good results recently achieved in the five nations tournament at Kuala Lumpur, where they defeated both India, the Olympic champions, and New Zealand.

Self is understandably concerned about fitness, particularly the condition of McConnell, of Northern Ireland, and Imran Sherwani, who recently underwent a minor knee operation. The British side will play against the United States at Bisham Abbey on Norvember 19, the match starting at 10.30 am.

SQUAD: I Taylor (E Grinstead and Eng), V Pappin RRAF and Scot), J Dughie (Southgate and Eng), S Martin (Belfast YMCA and N Ire), D Craig (Southgate and Eng), P Barber (Slough and Eng), J Potter (Hounslow and Eng), S Kerly (Southgate and Eng), D Westcott (Southgate and Eng), K Bhaura (Hounslow and Eng), S Batchelor (Southgate and Eng), R Leman (E Grinstead and Eng), N Hughes (Wakefield and Eng), D Faulkner (Guildford and Eng).

Principal Mitchell

Keith Mitchell, the director of the English Basketball Association, has been appointed the sport's principal technical delegate for next year's Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Mitchell is also chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

Memorial service

A memorial service is to be held at St Brides Church, Fleet Street on Friday (10.45am) for David Gray who was general secretary of the International Tennis Federation and formerly tennis correspondent of *The Guardian*.

HANDBALL

Coach puts accent on the positive

By Paul Harrison

The British team, who will travel more in hope than in expectation, now know their opponents in the world championships, men's C group, to be held in Italy early next year.

They play Austria on February 2, the Netherlands two days later, the Faroe Islands (Feb 6), Bulgaria (Feb 7) and Turkey (Feb 8). All the matches take place in Naples. Ireland have been drawn against Israel, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg and Finland.

British ambitions are not high: they can expect to play-off for seventh to ninth positions. Allan Lund, the Danish technical adviser to the Bitish Handball Association, thinks the British will win one match, against Turkey, who are entering the tournament for the first time, and are a completely unknown quantity.

The British coach, Mick Hegarty, is more optimistic, and thinks that two victories are possible, or even three. But everybody agrees that the team will have to play exceptionally well to beat the Faroe Islands, where handball is the national sport.

Players of Brentwood 72 and Liverpool, the two leading British sides, make up the team. They may be united in Naples, by they will return as rivals. The two teams that met in the British Cup final last season (when Liverpool won in a tight finish, 14-13) have been drawn together in the first round this season, due to be played at the end of February.

Liverpool have home advantage, and will probably start as slight favourites. Brentwood have scarcely been able to get going this season, having lost their home court. Come February, however, they may be a different proposition.

Baubles bangles and a blue-eyed cat on playing fields of Surrey

A wave of the sponge and it's that old black magic again

I read that some African football supporters beat up a visiting team's goalkeeper for using magic – that is, burying a "juju" token in the back of his net. I know I am out of touch with African football, never having been nearer Africa than Budapest, but I am at a loss to understand the fuss.

Down my way, which is Surrey, not Africa, magic is commonplace. The local team use it all the time, with the same freedom that they use marmalade at breakfast, or bad language if provoked. They would never advertise in the personal column of *The Times* for a witch doctor because they believe that he could not teach them anything, and resent it if you mention black magic, saying that they like the chocolates, of course, but consider white superior when it comes to real magic.

"Look at the way we play," they chorus when I ask them, in my innocence, for a sample of their white magic. I smile tactfully, give them the benefit of the doubt, and my attention to the trainer's sponge, the most obvious object of magic in the vicinity.

Only water

"Our striker nearly died in the penalty area last week," the trainer tells me. "Yes, died, not dived – he wouldn't dream of doing anything underhand like that. Shocking tackle. Everybody thought he was a goner, a case for the kiss of life at least. But a wipe from this" – a flourish of the sponge – "and he was up in a jiffy. It's only water, too."

The striker himself strolls by just then, looking the picture of health despite his recent glimpse of the after-life. He wears a silver bangle on his left wrist and says that the only times he fails to score are when he forgets to don the bangle. The manager is going to present him with a matching bangle for the other wrist, on the principle that he is more likely to remember two bangles than one. The team's chances of promotion might depend on the bangles.

On the manager's desk sits an ebony statuette of a cat with unearthly blue eyes. Its usefulness as a paperweight is secondary to its importance as a charm. The rest of the room might go to rack and ruin, but the cat is polished with tender loving care every morning and twice on Saturdays, when the manager dusts it again, for luck, five minutes before the kick-off. It travels to away matches in a velvet bag and occupies a place of honour in dugouts and directors' boxes.

Long Room

"When war is declared," the manager is fond of saying, "they take down the bust of W G Grace and remove it to safety from the Long Room at Lord's. The cat means much the same to us, and that's why it's so heavily insured. No one quite knows how it got here. The only thing we're sure of is that it did not come from Portobello Road. If it's ever broken, it'll be the end of the club, without a shadow of a doubt. The cat is really our million-pound player."

Other clubs have comedians as chairmen. My local club has a professional conjurer. He can pack his wife in a suitcase and produce her from a hatbox in the twinkling of an eye. He wishes that success on the field was as easy. He says there is no magic involved, but Africans might disagree.

Back in the changing-room, stifling with sweat and embrocation, I see many tokens and charms. A deep-lying midfield creator wears an earring on is right ear. A sweeper-up behind stuffs one of his wife's lace handkerchiefs into a pocket before every game. Below a forward's peg is pinned a cigarette card of Tom Finney. Another forward insists on black laces for his left boot and white for his right. Enshrined in the captain's locker is his school cap.

Teddy bear

Goalkeepers have a lonely job, but my local club's goalkeeper always has company on his desert island between the posts – a miniature brown teddy bear, christened Yashin, which he places in a corner of the net. He describes how once, during a cup final, he could have sworn he heard Yashin speak, telling him which way to move to save a penalty. He saved it and his team won. The crown mobbed him in the friendliest fashion, and local shops did a roaring trade in teddy bears for weeks afterwards.

Other people hear "voices," he says. He thought he heard the teddy bear. Why not? An enlightened man, our goalkeeper. Only the FA will stop him using his personal token, and so far they have shown no interest.

Gordon Allan

Kuwait to play host

Kuwait, (AFP) – Kuwait has been given the chance to host its third major international sporting event in as many years with the announcement that the inaugral Afro-Asian Games are to be held here in 1985.

Imran waits on doctor's orders

Perth, (Reuter) – Pakistan's captain, Imran Khan, Will know tomorrow if he can play any part in the first Test match against Australia, starting here on Friday. Imran, who is suffering from a stress fracture of the left shin and has not played in any of the tour matches, will make a decision after having X-rays

Imran, desperately hoping to bowl fast as well as bat, said yesterday: "My greatest wish will come ture if X-rays show the factures in my left shin have healed. If the stress fracture has healed, I'll play, providing I get the all clear from the doctors."

Intikhab Alam, the manager, said that if Imran was able to play he would be chosen purely as a batsman.

But Imran said that if he played he would almost certainly bowl. "I'll start from a short run-up. The leg is not sore and I don't think the lack of practice would be an insurmountable problem."

Imran, who sufferred the stress fracture during the 1982-83 home series against India and played essentially as a batsman for Sussex last season, was a controversial choice as tour captain. He did not tour with Pakistan in India recently so he could rest the leg, and the council of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) chose him as captain in Australia against the recommendations of the selection committee.



Imran: eager to bowl.

If Imran is fit for the first Test, it will probably mean there is no place for the Middle order batsman and leg spinner, Wasim Raja.

● ADELAIDE The Australian test player, David Hookes, is suffering from pneumonia and is likely to stay in hospital at least until the end of the week (Reuter reports).

LACROSSE

Mini-game for schools

By Peter Tatlow

The English Lacrosse Union are taking steps to encourage the men's game among the young through American coaches visiting primary schools in the north-west of England and in the London area. At present lacrosse is played at universities but only in a limited number of secondary schools.

The Americans will be teaching the junior version of the game known as mixed mini-lacrosse. It is played with small plastic sticks, a plastic soft ball and the minimum of rules.

To stimulate further the increasing interest in lacrosse, a new tournament is being arranged in the Manchester area. Six of the best teams are to take part in the Peak Sports tournament on artificial turf and under floodlights at Timperley Lacrosse Club in Cheshire.

The tournament starts on Sunday and will be held every Sunday until December 11 when the final will be played. The sponsors are Peak Sports who market Brine's lacrosse sticks and equipment manufactured in the United States.

FIXTURES: November 13: Cheadle v Trafford; Stockport v Sheffield. November 20: Trafford v Sheffield; Mellor v Ad Hoc. November 27: Cheadle v Ad Hoc; Stockport v Mellor. December 4: Semi-finals. December 11: Final.

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Discretion in prison discipline

Regina v Board of Visitors of Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Ex parte Anderson

Same v Same, Ex parte Clark

Same v Same, Ex parte Tangney

Regina v Board of Visitors of Albany Prison, Ex parte Leyland

Same v Same, Ex parte Tarrant

Before Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Webster

[Judgment delivered November 8]

Prisoners facing disciplinary charges at hearings before boards of visitors might be granted legal representation at the discretion of the boards, although they were not entitled to such representation as of right.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, in a reserved judgment, granting five applications for judicial review by Roy Derek Leyland and James Tarrant who faced disciplinary charges of mutiny arising out of riots at Albany Prison in May 1983; and James Anderson, Christopher Clark and Thomas Tangney, who faced charges, *inter alia*, of assaults (in Clark's case an attempted assault) on prison officers, arising out of riots at Wormwood Scrubs Prison in June 1983.

The prison boards of visitors had refused requests by the prisoners for legal representation on the ground that they had no power to grant representation in any case.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Anderson, Clark and Tangney, Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Tarrant; Mr Andrew Collins for Leyland; Mr Simon D. Brown for the boards of visitors.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said that the five applicants had been kept in seclusion from the date they were first charged. Each had requested, and been refused, legal representation; and Anderson and Tangney had also requested, and been refused, the presence of a friend or adviser at their hearings.

There were three classes of disciplinary offence. Assaults on prison officers came within the second category of "graver offences" according to rule 51 of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388), as amended by the Prison (Amendment) Rules (SI 1974 No 713) and were punishable by loss of privileges, cellular confinement of up to 56 days and forfeiture of remission of up to 180 days.

Mutiny, by rule 52, was an "especially grave offence" punishable, *inter alia*, by unlimited forfeiture of remission.

Section 47(2) of the Prison Act 1952 provided that rules made under the section "shall make provision for ensuring that a person ... charged with any [disciplinary] offence ... shall be given an opportunity of presenting his case."

That requirement was carried into effect by rule 49(2) of the Prison Rules 1964 which provided that any inquiry into a charge, a prisoner "shall be given a full opportunity of hearing what is alleged against him and of presenting his own case".

It was submitted on behalf of all the applicants save Leyland, that there was an entitlement as of right to have legal representation at a hearing before a board of visitors.

But the court was bound by the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Fraser v Mudge* ([1975] 1 WLR 1133) to hold the contrary. That decision was directly in point and was not distinguishable from the present applications.

The question then arose whether the boards had a discretion to allow legal representation.

According to *Raymond v Honey* ([1983] 1 AC 1) a convicted prisoner retained all civil rights which were not taken away expressly or by necessary implication.

A board of visitors, like any other tribunal was master of its own procedure, and having regard to the authorities, there was no common law rule or decision which limited a board's power to be master of its own proceedings so as to deprive it of a discretion, inherent in that power, to permit legal representation.

Nor, as Mr Simon Brown submitted, had that discretion been taken away expressly or by implication.

Accordingly, every board of visitors had a discretion to grant legal representation at any hearing before it. There was no reason for distinguishing, for this purpose, between disciplinary offences under rules 51 and 52 of the 1964 Rules.

It had also been submitted on behalf of two of the applicants that a prisoner was entitled to the assistance of a friend or adviser: see *Collier v Hicks* ((1831) 2 B & Ad 663) and *McKenzie v McKenzie* ([1971] P 33).

But those authorities could not be applied to hearings before boards of visitors. Those were not public hearings and no one had the right to attend them without the invitation or permission of the board.

However, just as a board had a discretion to allow legal representation, so it had a discretion to allow a prisoner to be assisted by a friend or adviser.

In none of the five cases did the boards exercise their discretion since they took the view that they had no power to grant legal representation or assistance.

In exercising its discretion whether to allow legal representation or assistance a board should take the following into account: (1) the seriousness of the charge and the potential penalty; (2) whether any points of law were likely to arise - such questions would arise rarely save in the case of mutiny charges; (3) the capacity of a prisoner to present his own case; (4) procedural difficulties, bearing in mind that a prisoner awaiting adjudication would normally be kept apart from other prisoners inhibiting him in the preparation of his case; (5) the need for reasonable speed in making an adjudication; and (6) the need for fairness between prisoners and between prisoners and prison officers.

That was not a comprehensive list.

The overriding obligation was to ensure that a prisoner be given a full opportunity of hearing what was alleged against him and of presenting his own case: see rule 49(2) of the Prison Rules 1964.

The applicants Leyland and Tarrant faced charges of mutiny. In most, if not all, mutiny charges, questions were bound to arise as to whether collective action was intended to be collective. Where such questions arose, as in the present cases, no board of visitors, properly directing itself, could reasonably decide not to allow a prisoner legal representation.

Tangney and Anderson were charged, *inter alia*, with assault on a prison officer and exposed to the risk of forfeiture of remission of up to 180 days – more if a board had power to make consecutive awards. It could not be said that any reasonable board properly directing itself would be bound to grant legal representation or the presence of an adviser. That was a matter for the boards.

Leyland also sought relief on the ground that he was prevented from cross-examining to the extent necessary to enable him to present his case properly.

If a prisoner was to receive a full opportunity of hearing what was alleged against him and of presenting his own case, he had to be allowed to ask his own questions unless he abused that right, which was not the present case.

Clark, Leyland and Tangney had also alleged that they had wrongly been prevented from calling witnesses.

His Lordship considered the facts and concluded that the relevant board in each case had failed to exercise its discretion properly in that regard.

The hearings against Clark, Leyland and Tangney had been concluded and the awards of the boards in each case would be quashed. The decisions of the boards in the case of Anderson and Tarrant to continue the proceedings without legal representation would also be quashed.

Lord Justice Kerr delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co; Gamlens for George E. Baker & Co, Guildford; Treasury Solicitor.

Document bad for duplicity

Shah v Swallow

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment delivered November 4]

A document headed 'Summons' which set out a number of offences alleged, with a preamble common to all, and used both as an information sheet and a summons, was bad for duplicity.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing the appeal of Mr Saiyad Shah against his conviction by the Croydon Justices on February 28, 1983 of offences against the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (SI 1970 No 1172).

Rule 12 of the Magistrates Court Rules (SI 1981 No 552) provides: "(1) ... a magistrates' court shall not proceed to the trial of an information that charges more than one offence. (2) Nothing in this rule shall prohibit two or more informations being set out in one document".

Mr Nigel Ley for the defendant; Mr Brian Jubb for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that the defendant conducted a retail confectioner's business. The four offences of which he was convicted before the justices related to rat-infested premises and contaminated food.

Objection was taken at the hearing before the justices to the form of the document received by the defendant in which the allegations against him, which were five in number, were contained.

That document was headed "Croydon Magistrates' Court", and was addressed to the defendant, summoning him to appear before the justices. It bore the unaltered words "Date of information(s)" and "Schedule-alleged offence(s)", and set out on two pages the five offences alleged, numbered 1 to 5, with a preamble relating to the five offences as a whole, which specified the nature of the defendant's business and the address of the shop premises where it was alleged that the offences had been committed. The form was entitled "General Form (Summons)".

That document was used both as the information laid before the justices and the summons to the defendant, there being no separate document headed "Information".

The court had to decide whether the document constituted one information alleging five offences, or one document containing five informations. If the former, it fell foul of rule 12(1) of the Magistrates Court Rules 1981 and the decision in *Edwards v Jones* ([1947] 1 KB 659), unless that case could be distinguished, there being no question of the defendant having consented to such a departure from the proper procedure so as to bring the case within *Chief Constable of Norfolk v Clayton* (*The Times* March 19, 1983; [1983] 2 WLR 555).

There was nothing to prevent a number of informations being set out in one document: see Rules 12(2) and 98(3) of the Magistrates' Court Rules 1981. Moreover the form of the document was clear and gave the defendant adequate information as to the charges he faced, and so complied with rule 100 of the 1981 Rules.

In that sense the argument advanced on behalf of the defendant was an artificial one, made even more so by section 123 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, which disallowed objections to a summons or information on the ground of defective form.

Rule 12(2) of the 1981 Rules could not, however, operate so as to enable the court to distinguish *Edwards v Jones*; in that case the two offences charged, which did not overlap, were treated as two offences contained in one information, and not as two separate informations.

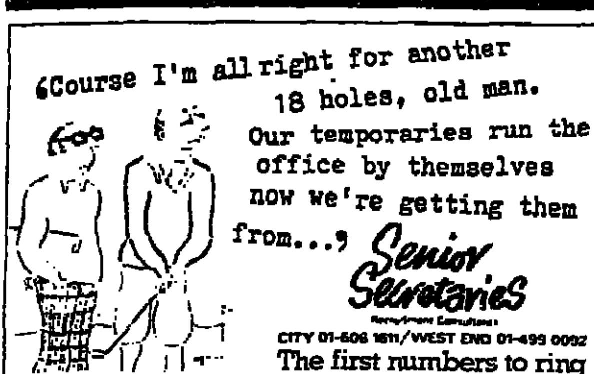
Here, where there was a preamble common to all five allegations, it was even more difficult to say that there were separate informations. Moreover, an information when laid had to be substantiated by an oath sworn separately to the facts of each information. Every oath had to cover all the constituent elements of the particular offence alleged in the information.

The document could not be construed as five separate informations and was therefore bad for duplicity.

Lord Justice Watkins delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ouvry Goodman & Co, Sutton; Mr Peter Dixon, Croydon.

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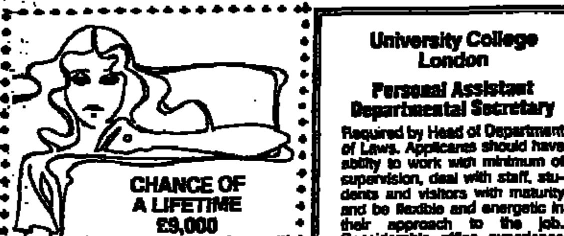
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Property Buyers' Guide

Residential property/Christopher Warman

Homes still urgently needed

To cast an eye down the lists of desirable properties in the advertisements is to see that there is an almost endless supply of homes in all parts, at all prices, for all manner of mankind. It seems inconceivable that a substantial number of people should find themselves without a roof over their heads.

Such a view would be reinforced by the fact that while there are 18.3 million households in England and Wales, there are 19 million dwellings, or were when the latest statistics were taken in September 1982. That leaves a crude surplus of 700,000 – but it is indeed crude, and the comfort has to end there.

For the statistics also show that of those 19 million dwellings, 175,000 were second homes, 800,000 were vacant, 500,000 were shared, more than 1 million were unfit to live in and a further 1 million lacked the amenities of a civilized society. This sad litany was read out last week by Sir Peter Trench, chairman of the National House – Building Council when he addressed the Westminster Chamber of Commerce's building and property group.

Sir Peter's main theme was a criticism of the government decision last month to cut back on home improvement grants as a result of a Treasury dictat intended to save public money. What it meant simply was a further deterioration in the country's housing stock. The private sector, he believes, is not as yet in a position to play the major role in house building because of the economic situation, and the only way to improve housing would be a contribution from the national "piggy bank", which is politically unacceptable because of the Government's monetarist policies.

Referring to the reduction in home improvements grants for 1984, Sir Peter explained "If you do not patch up, you must replace, and we are not doing that." Although property ownership had increased from 54.5 per cent to 58 per cent in the last four years, a great deal of this increase was because of the sale of council houses, which had virtually no effect on the housing stock.

"Merely to stand still we need 250,000 new houses a year until the end of the decade," he argues. The reality is that in Britain the total in 1981 was less than 200,000, in 1982 was 171,000 and, while the total for 1983 is likely to be somewhat better, it will be nowhere near enough to reach the target. Add to that the number of houses falling into disrepair, and needing at least £7,000 work spending on them, has increased in the last 10 years from 850,000 to more than 1 million, and you have a desperate picture.

Even if the private sector cannot take the dominant role in house building, it must bear a heavy responsibility at a time when government constraints are depressing local authority efforts, and there is certainly no shortage of developments at all prices going ahead.

Sales appear to be holding up well, too, especially where the potential purchaser can be offered inducements. Wimpey, for example, report an increase in sales of 25 per cent this autumn compared with the same period last year as a result of the "magic autumn deal." This offered a 6 per cent mortgage rate on mortgages of up to £30,000 to buyers at more than 200 developments nationwide, as well as other attractions such as 100 per cent mortgages, subject to status, to first time buyers.

Among Barratt developments, one and two-bedroom flats from about £33,000 have just gone on offer at Valley Road, Streatham, London SW16. A £150 deposit secures a reservation for a flat, all of which have fully fitted kitchens and are carpeted throughout. Again 100 per cent mortgages are available plus a bonus of £25 for every £100 saved towards the deposit.

Barratt has also started construction on its latest housing development at Priory Park, St Mary Cray, Kent. Not far from Orpington and Bromley, and less than half an hour from London by train, the development offers a choice of nine house and flat designs.

They include fully furnished studios, one and two bedroom flats and one, two and three-bedroom houses, from £33,750. The aim is to create a village-style community with landscaped open areas around it.

Further into Kent, Piper Homes are building a development of nine homes on the site of a Roman temple courtyard in Canterbury. New homes are rarely built within the old city, and to help them blend in to the area in Stour Street which has a variety of buildings dating back to medieval times, they will be grouped round an irregularly-shaped paved mews courtyard and will have varied rooflines, levels and facades. Prices for the homes, which range from single-storey one-bedroom to three-storey four-bedroom properties, are from £47,000 to £61,750.

In Chichester, Whiteheads are agents for Downland Construction Ltd, who are building a development of Regency style terrace houses round a garden square. The spacious town houses have five bedrooms and three bathrooms, and the prices range from £79,500 (mid-terrace) to £87,500 (end of terrace). It is claimed that March Square is one of the last residential developments in this city, and the amenities include a leisure building with a heated indoor swimming pool and squash court.

A development at Danbury, near Chelmsford, Essex, concentrates on Tudor style for its select group of 16 four-bedroom detached houses. The site, screened by mature trees and hedges, adjoins open country and is close to the Danbury Lakes.

The houses, priced from £71,950, are being built by Martin Grant Homes and offered through Bairstow Eves's Danbury office.

Much more expensive, at about £180,000, is a development by Hunting Gate Homes at Sandy Lane, Northwood and Harmer Green, Hertfordshire. Here the houses will be in Tudor, Georgian and cottage styles, with a minimum of five bedrooms, two bathrooms and three reception rooms, set on quarter to half-acre plots. The development at the top end of the market completes the company's pattern, which ranges from studio apartments at about £20,000 to four-bedroomed houses from £51,950 to £75,000. To assure the potential purchaser of their own confidence in the scheme, the company casually let fall the news that the company's managing director is one of the first occupants.

Messrs Lassmans have asked us to point out that they are joint selling agents with Hampton and Sons for The Terraces in St John's Wood, mentioned in Residential Property on November 2.

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Today's television and radio programmes

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6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15 and 8.15; tonight's television previewed between 6.45 and 7.00; review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; pop music news from Mike Smith between 7.30 and 8.00; Esther Rantzen's That's Life file between 7.30 and 8.00 and again between 8.30 and 9.00; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45.

9.00 Mastermind (r). 9.30 Closedown. 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart McGuan (r). 10.55 Gharbar. The delicate subject of a dowry is discussed by Dr Suman Dutta, Saleha Khan and Savitri Yadav. In the chair is Swaran Talwar. 11.20 Closedown.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitemore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One Ralph Steadman talks about his obsession with Leonardo da Vinci. Music is provided by the Buddy Greco Trio. 1.45 Hokey Cokey.

2.00 Film: The Man Who Came to Dinner* (1941) starring Bette Davis and Monty Woolley. A literary celebrity shows his true personality when he injures his hip and is forced to stay with the unfortunate Stanley family. Directed by William Keighley. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Watts 4.20 Mighty Mouse and the Mysterious Package (r) 4.25 Jackanory. Sayo Inaba reads a Japanese folk story 4.35 Screen Test. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Seaview. The final part of the comedy about a sea-side boarding house.

5.40 Sixty Minutes includes national news from Moira Stuart at 5.40 with regional news magazine at 5.53.

6.40 Ask the Family. The final and the Aldwinckles of Blackburn meet the Marks family from London.

7.05 Harty. Live from London's Greenwood Theatre Mr Harty interviews Princess Elizabeth of Toro; listens to songs sung by the Belle Stars; and to the piano played by Richard Clayderman.

7.35 Last of the Summer Wine. The first of a series of very welcome repeats finds Compo trying to enlist the help of his chums to help find a box of doubtful artefacts he buried when still at school.

8.05 Spyship. Part one of a new six-episode serial about the disappearance of a deep sea trawler in waters used by Nato and the Russian forces for war games.

9.00 News with Sue Lawley.

9.25 Rough Justice: The Case of the Missing Meal. The last programme in the series re-investigates the murder of a young Scottish girl (see Choice).

9.55 The Magic of David Copperfield. A showcase of the skills of the talented American magician.

10.45 The Lost Babies. Esther Rantzen reports on cases of still-born and neo-natal deaths (see Choice).

11.38 News headlines.

11.40 What a Picture! Morgan Cross flips through Percy Thrower's family photograph album.

12.10 Weather.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. A review of the day's papers at 6.25; news from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; Popeye cartoon at 7.20; Fenton Bresler's casebook at 7.50; pop video at 7.55; Magic Moments at 8.05; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; Wincey and friends at 9.02; and closing news headlines at 9.23.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Author Nina Bawden discusses her attitude to crime in her novels. 9.47 Different attitudes to marriage. 10.04 Natural history: hibernation. 10.21 The story behind To Kill a Mockingbird. 10.48 River channel forms. 11.10 Rubbish disposal. 11.22 Maths: paths. 11.39 How we used to live.

12.00 Button Moon. Rocket adventures of the puppet family, the Spoons. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). 12.30 Play It Again. Tony Bilbow in conversation with Sir Harry Secombe who talks about his career and chooses clips from his favourite films.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus. Mavis Nicholson's guest is Harold Evans. 2.00 Take the High Road. Brian and Jimmy become involved in a rescue. 2.30 A Country Practice. Drama series set in an Australian outback town. 3.30 Blockbusters. Daily general knowledge quiz for 16 to 18-year olds.

4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Dangermouse (r). 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. School life depicted in music and song. 4.45 The Squad. George's young brother is accused of stealing a bike (r). 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of an asthma support group for parents of children with asthma.

6.35 Crossroads. Denise Paget tells Sharon Metcalfe the name of the man she has fallen in love with.

7.00 Name That Tune. Fast-moving quiz programme presented by Tom O'Connor.

7.30 Coronation Street. Percy Sugden gives the thumbs down to Emily's new lodger while Ken tries to stop Mike advertising his club in the local paper.

8.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews with another potted biography of a surprised celebrity.

8.30 Benny Hill. More risqué songs and sketches from the master of innuendo (r).

9.00 Reilly-Ace of Spies. The resourceful secret agent marries for the third time and then seeks to revenge the death of his friend Savinkov by returning to Russia to try and outwit Stalin.

10.00 News.

10.30 Heroin. The third and final part of the documentary highlighting the growth of heroin addiction in this country. Tonight's programme spotlights the dealers and the police efforts to eradicate them.

11.35 Mannix. Private detective series.

12.30 Night Thoughts from Susan Dowell.

Sir Douglas Wass: The Reith Lectures (Radio 4 7.45pm)

● Sadly, ROUGH JUSTICE (BBC1 9.25pm) tonight comes to the end of an all-too-brief series with another meticulously researched investigation, this time into the evidence which, 10 years ago, was the cause of 19-year old George Beattie's being sentenced to life imprisonment. With laudable clarity Rough Justice reporter Martin Young pieces together the events of the Friday night when Beattie is supposed to have stabbed a young woman as she was making her way to Carluke railway station. Beattie, a simple, impressionable young man, was arrested after he revealed he knew the contents of the girl's suit case. This more than anything else convinced the jury that he was guilty. But Young comes up with a logical reason for Beattie's

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knowledge of the contents; explains how the time factor points to Beattie's innocence and then reveals the fact that the girl died some four hours after the time claimed by the prosecution. This new piece of evidence is corroborated by eminent pathologist Professor Cameron and should be good news for Beattie. But, as Rough Justice pointed out earlier in the series, the wheels of justice take a long time to turn.

● Death is also the theme for Esther Rantzen's sad report, THE LOST BABIES (BBC1 10.45pm), an examination of how parents cope with giving birth to a still-born baby or one that is so deformed that it dies within days. All the mothers interviewed are adamant that however deformed their baby was they would still like to have seen it, but, unfortunately this is not hospital policy generally, even though experts in the field think it inconceivable that parents should not be allowed to see their dead child. Queen Charlotte's hospital in Roehampton is an exception with one couple being left alone cuddling their still-born child for two hours. Another hospital allowed a father to visit and hold his dying, deformed, child, because, in the father's own words, "I was trying to pack in a life-time's loving into a few hours". A highly emotional programme but, thanks to Miss Rantzen's approach, not one of despair.

BBC 2

9.10 Daytime on Two: Plastic materials. 9.38 How safe are high chairs? 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Maths: number relations. 10.38 Statistics. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 The guitar. 11.39 Economics: the money supply. 12.05 Lesson seven of the Italian conversation course. 12.30 Self-help health groups. 12.55 For moderately mentally handicapped young adults (ends at 1.10). 1.20 Spanish conversation, lesson two. 1.38 Getting around: overland. 2.01 An Asian wedding. 2.18 Popular reading out of school. 2.40 Topical news reporting. 3.00 Closedown.

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Cartoon Two. Une âme à voile, made by the National Film Board of Canada.

5.50 Year of the French. November: The Enterprising Bourgeois. Luc Doublet of Lille, north-east France, who runs the family firm that makes flags, bunting and products from steel tubing (r).

6.20 Grange Hill. Episode eight of the comprehensive school drama (r).

6.40 Film: Dangerous When Wet (1953) starring Esther Williams and Fernando Lamas. A light, underwater, romp in which an American family come to England in order to swim the Channel. Due to a sequence of mishaps it is left to the eldest daughter, Katy, to uphold the family honour. Directed by Charles Walters.

8.20 The 20th Century Remembered. Photo-journalist Arthur Rothstein remembers his Assignment in the Dust Bowl, 1936.

8.30 Wildlife on Two: The Bat That Cracked the Frog Code. A documentary about a South American mammal with sensory abilities that are as sophisticated as a space-age flying machine (r).

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King in New York visits the Broadway musicals and talks to Twiggy, Anthony Newley and Gene Barry. The rock video station MTV is also on the agenda as is a backstage talk with The Police.

9.30 Karen Kay. The singer/impressionist's guests tonight are Julian Lloyd Webber and Georgie Fame.

10.00 Arena: Anthony Powell – An Invitation to the Dance. A profile of the writer with contributions from admirers including Clive James, Kingsley Amis and Hilary Spurling. Powell also talks about his work which is illustrated by James Fox as Mick Jenkins, the narrator of Powell's 12-volume epic, Dance to the Music of Time.

11.00 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the major stories of the day. Ends at 11.50.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. Another round of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Gyles Brandreth.

5.30 The Body Show. The third programme in the fitness series features Yvonne Ocampo demonstrating the use of music in exercise by taking her class through routines to tempo. She is joined by Evrol Puckerin who shows how simple movements can be put together to form a basic routine (r).

6.00 Square Pegs. The final programme in the American high school comedy series.

6.30 The Spice of Life. Garlic is the subject tonight and featuring predominately is a northern California restaurant, La Vielle Maison, which uses garlic as part of every course, including pudding and wine. In France it is used to prepare escargots Bourguignonne; in Italy, spaghetti Vongele; in China, Mongolian hot pot; and Japan for Katsuo No Tataki. There is also film of garlic festivals in Gilroy, California and in the South of France.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by John Prescott, Labour member of parliament for Hull East and shadow minister of Transport.

8.00 Brookside. Barry, worrying about the loss of his copper is given a strand of hope by a suggestion from Michelle.

8.30 Twenty Twenty Vision: The Quiet Crisis. The story of ex-teacher Jeanette Bramley who was forced to give up work in order to look after her mother-in-law and now her mother who is suffering from senile dementia. With the improvements in health and welfare services it is estimated that over the next ten years the number of people over the age of 75 will increase by 20 per cent. Will the social services standards be high enough to cope with the projected "granny boom"?

9.00 Don't Tell Leonardo. A documentary that illustrates British artist Ralph Steadman's obsession with Leonardo da Vinci and also the background to his book in honour of the Italian genius.

10.00 Glenn Gould Plays Bach. The first of a new three part series on the Canadian pianist who died last year at the age of fifty. Tonight's programme includes a complete performance of Partita No 4 in D Major.

11.05 Shampw. Video recordings of the Welsh pop group who disbanded last year.

11.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly†
10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time visits Cumbria (r).
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Cheat' by Nancy Dallam Sinkler. Read by Elizabeth Proud.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker.
11.45 Zoo Talk. 'Monkeys', With David Taylor. We hear the story of one monkey, a Capuchin that lived on nothing but Advocaat.
12.00 News: You And Yours.
12.27 A Story – With Pictures by Colin Shaw (4). Starring Freddie Jones (r). 12.55 Weather: Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Woman's Hour. Today's edition has an interview with the guest of the week, the composer Sir Michael Tippett who will talk, among other things, about the new choral work he has just completed, The Mask of Time. Also, the eighth instalment of I Start Counting.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Investigators. Ted Willis's play Obsession. Drama about a murder in an office. It is set in France. Richard Pascoe plays the examining magistrate who summons a woman (Annette Crosbie) for questioning. Could it be a case of crime passionnel?
3.47 Time For Verse. A Gillian Clarke selection.
4.00 News; Just After Four. George Melly on angling.
4.10 File On 4. Major issues from home and abroad.
4.40 Story Time: 'A Passage to India' by E. M. Forster (13). Read by Sam Dastor.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Top Of The Form. Bodmin School v Welshpool High School. A repeat can be heard on Friday.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. A weekly investigation into listeners' problems.
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1983. 'Government and the Governed' – a talk by Sir Douglas Wass, G.C.B, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and Joint Head of the Civil Service until his retirement in March this year. In this, and the other five half-hour talks in the series, he analyses the shortcomings of government at ministerial and Cabinet level, in Parliament and in the Civil Service. The lectures are repeated the following Sunday, each week, on Radio 3, at 5.45. Sir Douglas argues that the British system of government is neither as efficient, nor as responsive to the popular will as a strong democracy requires.
8.15 In Business with Peter Hobday.
8.45 That Reminds Me. Swedish soprano Elisabeth Soderstrom reflects on some of her favourite operatic roles†
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes the Raoul Dufy exhibition at the Hayward Gallery and the Rosenthal/Stephens musical Dear Anyone. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Lord Peter Wimsey. 'Busman's Honeymoon' by Dorothy L. Sayers (4).
11.00 A Book At Bedtime: 'Basil' by Wilkie Collins (13). Read by Edward de Souza.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 Radio History. 11.05 Singing Together 7. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45 Contact. 1.55pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 The Music Box. 2.15 Introducing Geography. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry). 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: L'Italia dal Vivo (6). 12.30am-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Lifetime – 12.30 'The Truant' by Harry Duffin. 12.50 'Smoking by Harry Duffin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Ravel (Piano Conc in G – with Benedetti as soloist), Purcell (Nymps and Shepherds – choir of 250 children and the Halle), Janacek (Lachian Dances).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Schubert (Fantasy in F minor, D 940, played by Emil and Elena Gilels), Prokofiev (Symphony No 7).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Arnold Bax. We hear the LSO, under Boult, playing Mediterranean; and the LSO under Downes playing the Symphony No 3.†
10.00 Smetana String Quartet: We hear Janacack's Quartet No 1 (Kreutzer Sonata), and Dvorak's Quartet in A flat major, Op 105.†
10.55 Two Symphonies: the BBC Scottish So play Sibelius's Symphony No 7, and Beethoven's Symphony No 3 (Eroica).†
12.15 Concert Hall: A recital by Gordon Fergus-Thompson (piano). Works by Debussy (pour les agrements), William Mathias (Sonata No 2), Godowsky (The Gardens of Buitenzorg) and Glinka, arr Balakirev (The Lark).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Jazz in Perspective: Steve Race, in the sixth of eight programmes, plays some classics and sketches in the background to them.†
1.50 Matinee Musicale: Concert by the Ulster Orchestra – with Robert Ehrlich (recorder) and Michael McGuffin (piano). The works – Mendelssohn's overture The Hebrides, Holst's Nocturne (A Moorside Suite), John Baston's Conc No 2 for recorder and strings, Greig (Symphonic Dance No 2), Berkley (Sonata in A minor, Op 13, for recorder and piano), Bax (Summer Music) and Vaughan Williams's The Running Set.†
2.50 Mozart and Schubert: recital by Parikian/Fleming/Roberts Trio. Mozart (Trio in B flat, K 502) and Schubert (Trio in E flat, D 929).†
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from Salisbury Cathedral.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Donald Macleod's selections. Including Leonard Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from On The Town.†
6.30 Aksel Schiotz: Recordings by the Danish tenor, accompanied by Gerald Moore and Jyette Gorki Schmidt (guitar). Works by Dowland, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, and arr Britten (The foggy, foggy, dew).
7.10 Passing time: play by Rhys Adrian. Co-starring Sir John Gielgud and Raymond Huntley and John Rye. It is set in a room in what appears to be a civilised Gentlemen's Club. Two nonogenarians reminisce and feel content in their comfortable cocoon. Then, one of them disappears.†
7.45 Beethoven Sonatas: Recital given in this year's Vienna Festival. Daniel Barenboim plays the Sonata in D major, Op 10, No 3; and the Sonata in C major, Op 53 (the Waldstein).†
8.40 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. The presenter is Ian McDougall.
9.00 Stravinsky and Britten: recital by Nobuko Imai (violin) and Roger Vignoles (piano). Stravinsky's Elegy, 1944; and Britten's Lachrymae, Op 48.†
9.25 Eisenhower and Tack-a-Tack Tac: Peter Jeffrey reads a short story by the Peruvian writer A Bryce Echenique (translated by Evelyn Fishburn).
10.00 British Music: Concert by BBC Scottish SO, with Rohan de Saram (cello). Works by Graham Whettam (Benevento Cellini), Gordon Crosse (Cello Concerto Op 44) and Lennox Berkeley (Symphony No 1).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Major bulletins 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30 (MF/MW). 5.00am Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30pm Gloria Hunniford.† 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart.† 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton.† 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 John Gregory.† 8.15 Soccer Special. 10.00 The Impressionists. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight, including 11.02 Sports Desk (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Folk On 2.† 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt: You and the Night and the Music.
VHF: 5.00am With Radio 2. 8.15pm Listen to the Band.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour 6.30am-8.00pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Richard Skinner. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, including 6.05 Top 30 Album Chart. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Kenneth Williams' Cabaret. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Caught in the Act. 10.15 Breakthrough. 10.30 A Memorable Scene. 10.50 Recording of the Week. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Coast to Coast. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 At Home With... 1.45 Two Hundred Years of Piano Playing. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Kenneth Williams' Cabaret. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Monitor. 12.45 Kenneth Williams' Cabaret. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 In Patagonia. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.53 Wales Today. 12.10am News and Weather. Scotland: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.53 Scotland: Sixty minutes. 9.55-10.45 Sportscene. 11.40-12.30am Omnibus 12.30 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene around Six. 11.40-12.00 Festival Notebook. 12.00 News and weather. England: 5.53pm Regional news magazines. 12.15am Close.

S4C Starts: 2.00 pm Daearyddiaeth. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Years Ahead. 3.35 Dick Van Dyke Show. 4.00 For What It's Worth. 4.30 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Plas y Dyn Plastig. 5.30 Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.25 Chicago Teddy Bears. 6.55 Gair yn ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion saith. 7.30 Barddoniaeth a Chân. 8.00 Diar Diar Doctor. 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Queen of Spades (Anton Walbrook). 10.45 Hey Good Looking. 11.00 Twenty Twenty Vision. 11.25 People to People. 12.20 am Gair yn ei Bryd, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Magic Micro Mission. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.35 All Kinds of Country. 12.05am News, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Something in Disguise. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Magic Micro Mission. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 10.35 Great Fights of the 70s. 12.35 am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Laurel and Hardy.* 6.00-6.35 News. 11.35 Streets of San Francisco. 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at six. 11.35-12.35 Hill Street Blues.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Metal Mickey. 6.00 Channel report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Mysterious Tales. 11.25 Peter Sarsted. 12.15 am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Calendar Fashion Show. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 11.35 Barney Miller. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.35 Peter Sarstedt. 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Home Rules. 2.10 Strange but True. 2.40 Whose Baby? 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.20 Sons and Daughters. 3.50-4.00 Blunt Encounters. 5.15-5.45 Magic Micro Mission. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Dear Detective. 12.30 Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.35 Astronauts. 12.05am House Calls. 12.35 Martin Luther, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Survival. 2.30-3.30 Love Boat. 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Session. 12.35am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Love Story. 5.15-5.45 Fabulous Funnies. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.25am News. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 2.30 Flame Trees of Thika. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.35 Star Parade. 12.35am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Amazing Years of the Cinema. 5.15-5.45 Magic Micro Mission. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. 11.30 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 2.30 Chisholms. 3.30-4.00 Stan and Olly.* 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.35 Darkroom. 12.05am Life Support Systems, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

Censor 'nasties' law chief demands

From Our Correspondent
Cambridge

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, called last night for rigid and rigorous censorship on pornographic magazines and "video nasties".

He said that unless such censorship were imposed and unless long terms of imprisonment and very heavy fines were also imposed upon those who made huge profits out of "these appalling publications", it would not be long before the scenes they depicted were enacted in real life.

Lord Lane was delivering the Darwin Lecture in Cambridge on "Do we get the criminals we deserve?"

He said that easy access to pornography, soft and hard, was an everyday, unremarkable phenomena of our society and added: "Anyone daring to suggest there is anything harmful in dirty magazines risks ridicule.

"And so there are displayed on the bookshelves magazines containing pictures which a few years back would have earned 12 months imprisonment for the publisher and not much less for the retailer.

"What is more serious is that round the back of the same shop is the hard pornography; pictures catering for every form of perversion.

"Now, human beings are imitative and the less strong-minded the more imitative they are. We get the results in the criminal courts. Crimes of sexual sadism so recondite and horrible that you may wonder where the idea came from as you look at the unimaginative and substandard human being in the dock."

Lord Lane said that the pro-pornography lobby would cry there was no proof that pornography had anything to do with the commission of crime, but he added: "But sometimes there is.

"Sometimes the puzzled policeman says: 'What on earth made you think of doing such a thing to her?'. The answer occasionally reveals the truth: 'Well, it's them books ennit?'"

Lord Lane said that as electronic wizardry progressed so did the opportunity to make very big money out of still more realistic and titillating scenes. There was no need to be content with glossy, still-photographic representations of perversions in books.





Mr Peter Millett, British Rail's manager (left), and Derby station's facade (Photographs: John Manning).

Gaunt railway relic faces demolition

By John Young

The British Railways Board will meet on Friday to decide the fate of a relic of our industrial history. It seems likely that it will vote to spend about £3m on demolishing and rebuilding the station at Derby, which in the middle of the last century could claim to be the railway capital of the world.

Were he alive today, the poet Shelley, with his affinity for roofless halls and desert ruins, might well have had something to say about this gaunt, decaying Victorian structure.

Rain drips through the ceilings, from which the plaster hangs in tatters, and only the occasional trapped pigeon, flapping in panic against the grimy windows, disturbs the silence of the great panelled rooms, once the glory of the mighty Midland Railway.

The Midland brought industrial growth and prosperity to what had been a market town.

Created by amalgamation in 1844, it built quickly a link to London, marked by the building of the great Gothic terminus of St Pancras a generation later it was responsible for the spectacular Settle to Carlisle line, now under threat of closure.

The original Derby station, with its 1,000ft-long arcaded facade, was the work of Francis Thompson, also responsible for the Midland Hotel and the terraced railway village, nearby which has been restored by the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust.

It was added to and partly replaced by two of the company's architects, John Sanders and Charles Trubshaw, and provided with a handsome Palladian porte-cochère.

Handsome is hardly the word to describe it now, but conservationists say that it could be restored at reasonable cost, and that purchasers or tenants could be found for the parts that British Rail no longer needs.

Save Britain's Heritage describe the designs for the new building as resembling a large suburban supermarket.

But Mr Peter Millett, British Rail's area manager, says that the cost of restoring, maintaining, and heating the present building would be prohibitive.



A staircase in part of the original station building.

Washington strengthens links with Israel

Continued from page 1 – Conservative MP, who appeared to tempt her by saying that the worst possible event would be a Syrian takeover of Lebanon.

Mrs Thatcher said she hoped nothing would be done which would increase turmoil or put at risk the reconciliation talks in Geneva.

Her answer to Mr Donald Stewart, the leader of the Scottish National Party, confirmed the belief of MPs that the United States is planning some retaliation and that Mrs Thatcher has some foreknowledge of it.

In her replies to Mr Kinnock, she was uncharacteristically hesitant. He asked what her attitude would be to Washington if it persisted in planning retaliations. "He is asking me to consider something that has not occurred and therefore I cannot answer it," she said. Any members of any multinational force were entitled to take measures in self-defence.

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Arafat is ready to lay down his arms

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the interested parties to implement this decision at once – at once."

Back in Beirut, the Americans, apparently fearing a further suicide bomb attack, have withdrawn almost 200 of their Marines from one of their most strategic positions on the west Beirut perimeter and flown all of them out of Lebanon to the safety of a Sixth Fleet warship.

In doing so, they have widened the gap between the forward lines of the multinational peacekeeping force and the isolated British contingent's headquarters which stands a mile east of the old Beirut-Sidon railway line.

Early yesterday morning, the Marines handed over the library annexe of the Lebanese University Science Faculty to Lebanese Army troops who control, or are supposed to control a strip of territory east of the American Marines.

The Americans were concerned that a suicide bomber could follow the pattern of the attack 16 days ago and drive a lorry loaded with explosives right up to the building.

Beirut Airport reopened yesterday after the mortar fire on Monday night

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Lady's reputation on the line

Mr Kinnock welcomed (At Prime Minister's questions) Mrs Margret Thatcher's "prudent warning" against precipitate American action in the Middle East. The accusation of prudence seemed to be an attempt to ruin her reputation. Reassuringly for her admirers, she denied it.

Or, rather, she told Mr Kinnock that, regarding the morning newspaper reports of her meeting with Mr Reagan's emissary, "I just did not recognise some of them as relating to the meeting I attended (these were the reports that had her being a restraining influence on the Americans in the Middle East) and I was there the whole time", she rather eccentrically added, presumably on the same principle as: "Iv'e been an Irishman all my life".

"The United States is of course entitled to take measures of self defence", she continued. The Labour benches became less suspicious and much happier. Here was the Thatcher who is essential to them: the threat to world peace, the figure they could understand and, indeed, the figure they had created.

She said she had sent six Buccaneers to Cyprus: romantic sounding action which turned out to be only slightly less dashing when one learnt that the Buccaneers were aeroplanes rather than, say, six Tory whips prepared to lay down their lives for her.

By now the Labour Party was returning to its usual state of delicious alarm. Mr Kinnock rose again and said the situation had "changed somewhat dramatically and tragically". He launched into a long sentence about what means Mrs Thatcher would be prepared to use to back up her own judgment that retaliatory action could jepardize the reconciliation talks in Geneva as well as our own troops in the multinational force. That was a genuine contribution by Mr Kinnock to reducing the tention in the area since hardly anyone could quite understand it. But people are still talking, there is hope Mr Kinnock could be the man for the Middle East.

After further exchanges between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock, Mr David Steel sought to rise above the petty party politics by making a statesmanlike appeal for all participants in that tragic conflict to reach a wider Middle East settlement by means of a peace conference.

Mercifully, the effect was ruined by Mr Dennis Skinner, The Labour member for Bolsover who was sitting on the bench immediately below Mr Steel, muttering: "Sit down and 'ave a rest" – reference to the Liberal leader's alleged depression, and need to recuperate from it, during the summer. (Dr Skinner is of the robust school of medicine which does not recognize depression as an illness). Mr Steel's pieties were lost in the laughter from both sides of the house.

Mr Steel was trumped at his game when an appeal to the world for peace was issued by the spiritual leader of the Conservative Wets: Mr Norman St John-Stevas.

In a message delivered from below the gangway, speaking in English and with only a slight South Kensington accent, he said: "Will the Prime Minister accept that in seeking to promote peace in the Middle East she will have the support from members from all parts of the House (because of the position he holds, Mr St John-Stevas is of course not allowed to be controversial).

We moved on to the second reading of the Trade Union Bill, which among other things makes it difficult for the Labour Party to raise money from union members. This is the famed "Tebbit Bill". But it is now without Mr Tebbit, who has a different job. Now it is in the hands of the new man at employment, decent sort Mr Tom King. That is no fun at all for Labour, and their benches became sparsely populated.

Furthermore, Labour's new employment spokesman labours under two handicaps in trying to become famous. He has Britain's most common name: Mr John Smith. And he is a Labour moderate. So he had to exaggerate as much as possible.

The Bill was biased in its choice of trade unions to bash, he said. Why not the National Farmers' Union, he demanded. The answer to that, as Mr Smith well knew, was that it was not a trade union. But Labour members cheered him for a master stroke. Thus emboldened, Mr Smith was probably tempted to continue: why not the Oxford Union? Why not the Mothers' Union. But being a moderate, he left it at that.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen leaves Heathrow Airport London (South) for her State visits to Kenya, Bangladesh and India, 11.20.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel Welsh Guards, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a Service to dedicate a Plaque to those killed in the South Atlantic Campaign, at the Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, 11.12.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend the 10th Anniversary Dinner of the Independent Local Radio at the Mansion House, 7.25.

Princess Margaret visits Nottinghamshire; visits the Elbeo Factory, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 2.30; and later attends a performance of "Coriolanus" at the Nottingham Playhouse, 7.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester visits Bobarth Centre, Netherhall Gardens, London, 11.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, attends a Service to dedicate a Memorial to those killed in the South Atlantic Campaign, at the Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, 2.25; and later is Guest of Honour at the Dynamicables Centenary Dinner at The Café Royal, London, W1, 6.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chief Patron of the Voice of the Cathedral Appeal, attends a Reception and Concert at Westminster Cathedral, arrives Archbishop's House, Ambrosden Ave, 7.10.

New exhibitions

Sculpture and drawings by Colin Foster at the Festival Gallery, Pierrepont Place, Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Nov 26).

Christmastide – an exhibition at Manchester City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sundays (ends Jan 2).

Last chance to see

Deborah Dewar, paintings and drawings at the Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30 (ends today).

Music

Organ recital by Christopher Herrick, St Francis Church, Willett Way, Petts Wood, Kent, 8.

Concert by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble, Thurso High School, Thurso, 8.

Concert by the Fairfield Quartet, City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, 1.05.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30.

Concert by The Vienna Boys' Choir, King's College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.

Talks, Lectures

Life in Victorian Edinburgh, by J. Calder, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Pond Life, by D. Bolton, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter, 1.10.

Worcester Porcelain by Henry Sandon, Usher Gallery, Lindum Road, Lincoln, 7.30.

Gaudier-Brzeska: Bohemia and the Savage Messiah, by Jane Beckett, Kettles Yard Gallery, Northampton Street, Cambridge, 8.15.

Chanel and Schiaparelli, by Louise Hamer, Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, 12.30.

The Amateur Satellite programme, by Dr M. N. Sweeting, Large Lecture Theatre, Poynting Building, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, 11.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,282

ACROSS

1 Centre for top news (12).
9 'Look for me in the — of Heaven.' (Francis Thompson). (9).
10 High-speed train? (5).
11 Annexe for needlework (6).
12 Want to see what bombs may do (8).
13 Told stories without losing the thread (6).
15 Sort of games held in this main, perhaps? (8).
18 Language that was blue (8).
19 Reparation – may be sad picking up the pieces (6).
21 Fences benefit from receiving coats of this stuff (8).
23 A foreign article about the Lovelace girl (6).
26 Free to get rid of granny (5).
27 Titania's story is incredible (5-4).
28 Pontoon bridge – what seamen do is crafty play (12).

DOWN

1 The best policy for such as Eden (7).
2 To show the way make a bolt for it (5).
3 Bess and Boadicea as dominant females (5-4).
4 Knock a six – the turning point (4).
5 Could be an attache on trial for example (4-4).
6 Reflecting system that works both ways (5).
7 Arithmetic class (8).
8 Continue to be out as a striker (4,2).
14 Finding way round lease is a risky business (8).
16 Lofty – yet one may be so described (9).
17 Hypocrite – a sort of fate if true that is not wanted in play hero (8).
18 Casual acquaintance to be put on record (4-2).
20 Reorganization before the draw (5-2).
22 Sort of canes featured in opera (5).
24 Moor where chap takes his hat off (5).
25 French, but returns to the old country (4).

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New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Design Since 1945, edited by Kathryn B. Hiesinger & George H. Marcus (Thames & Hudson, £18)
Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary 1945-1951, by Alan Bullock, £30
For the Sake of Example, Capital Courts Martial 1914-18, the truth, by Anthony Babington (Secker & Warburg, £8.95)
Life in Russia, by Michael Binyon (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
Tales from the Mess, a Military Miscellany, by Miles Noonan (Hutchison, £5.95)
The First World War, by John Terraine (Secker & Warburg, £9.95)
The Last Stuarts, by James Lees-Milne (Chatto & Windus, £12.50)
The Strength of the Hills, an autobiography, by George Ewart Evans (Faber, £8.95)
Three Archaic Poets, Archolochus, Alcaeus, Sappho, by Anne Pippin Burnett (Duckworth, £24)
To the Ends of the Earth: Transglobe Expedition 1979-82, by Ranulph Fiennes (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95)

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Cut-price stamps

Cut-price Christmas stamp books go on sale at post offices today. Customers can buy £2.50 worth of stamps for £2.20. The books contain 20 second-class 12½p stamps and will remain on sale while stocks last.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Proceedings on the Oil Taxation Bill.

Lords (2.15): Debate on NHS. European Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Debate on straw burning.



The papers

If the Americans do take revenge for the murder of their Marines in Beirut, it will help nothing but President Reagan's re-election campaign, the Daily Mirror says. That would not be a good enough reason, big powers should not behave like petty tyrants, the paper comments. "But", it says "the hints from the White House are ominous. The gathering of the US battle fleet off the Lebanon is menacing. Mrs Thatcher's instinct to calm the current wave of US belligerence is right and she shouldn't listen to her extremists at Westminster."

The law is still less than clear cut in its treatment of rape, the Daily Star says. Of 1,336 complaints made last year only 940 were cleared up and only 412 led to convictions or cautions. "But rape is rape. There are no lesser degrees of it," the paper points out. "Doubts about the evidence or the complainant's motivation should normally lead to some other lesser charge being made. Once rape is tested and substantiated, however there should be no mitigating circumstance for the rapist, deprived upbringing or emotional immaturity, to get him off the hook. He must be severely punished and know that he faces serious punishment. Home Secretary Leon Brittan is absolutely right in his plan to give The Attorney General the power to refer over-lenient rape sentences to the Appeal Court," it argues.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.69	1.61
Austria Sch	29.20	27.60
Belgium Fr	84.25	80.25
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.82	14.12
Finland Mkk	8.85	8.45
France Fr	12.43	11.93
Germany DM	4.11	3.92
Greece Dr	155.00	147.00
Hongkong $	11.85	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.32	1.27
Italy Lira	2485.00	2375.00
Japan Yen	367.00	349.00
Netherlands Gld	4.63	4.40
Norway Kr	11.55	10.95
Portugal Esc	205.00	191.00
South Africa Rd	1.77	1.67
Spain Pta	237.50	228.50
Sweden Kr	12.14	11.57
Switzerland Fr	3.36	3.19
USA $	1.52	1.47
Yugoslavia Dnr	218.00	203.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd.
Retail Price Index: 339.5
London: The *FT* index closed 1.3 down at 720.1.

Roads

London and South-east: B172: Temporary signals; one lane each way; in Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, north of A503 Forest Road. A40: Junction improvements in Western Avenue, between Horsenden Lane and Medway Parade. A1(M): Resurfacing southbound carriageway between B100 intersection and the Clock roundabout.

Midlands: A56: Temporary signals and one lane traffic at Welsh Gate, Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester. A8: One lane into city at Tyburn Road, Birmingham. A34: Road works at junction with B4086, Stratford, Warwickshire.

Wales and West: M4: Lane closures for bridge inspection and repairs between junction 21 and junction 22 across the Severn Bridge, affecting both carriageways. A429: Temporary traffic signals at junction with A424, Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire. A36: Traffic restrictions on Bath - Warminster Road, Avon.

North: A1: Roadworks at Wansbeck viaduct, Morpeth bypass, Northumberland. A56: Traffic signals at Bridge Street, Lancashire. A182: Sewer reconstruction in Hetton Road, Houghton, Tyne and Wear, at A690 junction.

Scotland: M74: Various lanes closed on slip roads at junction 4 (Motherwell), Strathclyde. A714: Single lane, temporary lights in Newton Stewart, Kirkcudbright. A816: One lane, temporary lights in Duntoche Road between Peel Glen Road and Antonine Road, Dunbartonshire.

Information supplied by AA.

Anniversaries

Births: Ivan Turgenev (Old Style Oct 28), Orel Russia, 1818; Edward VII, reigned Jan 22, 1901 – May 1910, Buckingham Palace, 1841; Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, London, 1880. Deaths: Guillaume Apollinaire, poet, Paris, 1918; James Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister 1924, 1929-31, 1931-1935, died at sea, 1937; Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister 1937-40, Heckfield, Hampshire, 1940, Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, 1942-52, Rehovet, Israel, 1952; Dylan Thomas, New York, 1953. William II, Emperor of Germany, 1888-1918, abdicated, 1918.

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure over southern parts will move slowly northwards.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: A little rain in places, becoming brighter with sunny or clear intervals; wind SE, moderate to fresh; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

East Anglia, E Midlands, E, central N, NE England: Becoming mainly cloudy with patchy fog and some drizzle; wind variable, becoming SE, light to moderate; max temp 13 to 14C (55 to 57F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, becoming rather cloudy with rain in places; wind SE, light to moderate; max temp 14 to 15C (57 to 59F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Dry with sunny intervals, becoming mainly cloudy with rain later; wind SW, backing SE, light to moderate; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rain, probably dying out later; wind NE, fresh to strong, veering SE and moderating; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing unsettled and generally rather warm.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind SE, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE, moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind mainly SE, fresh; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 7.07am — Sun sets: 4.21pm
Moon rises: 12.06pm — Moon sets: 7.31pm
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Lighting-up time

London 4.51 pm to 6.39 am
Bristol 5.01 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 4.47 pm to 7.07 am
Manchester 4.53 pm to 6.54 am
Penzance 5.17 pm to 6.56 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

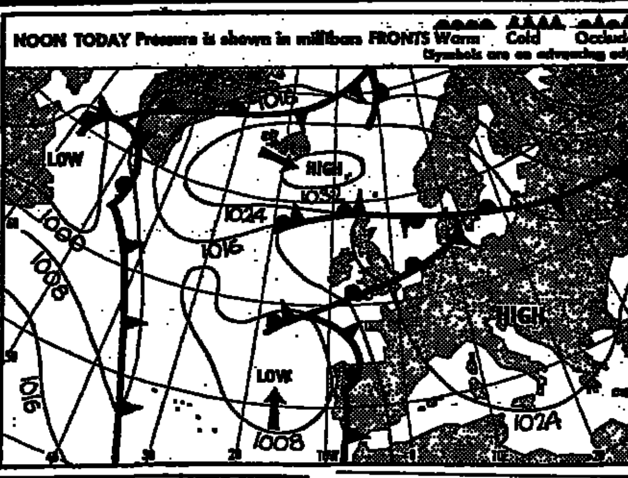
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	14	57	Guernsey	s	16	59
Birmingham	f	15	59	Inverness	c	14	57
Blackpool	s	14	57	Jersey	f	14	57
Bristol	c	15	59	London	c	16	61
Cardiff	c	14	57	Manchester	c	14	57
Edinburgh	f	12	54	Newcastle	c	12	54
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	13	55

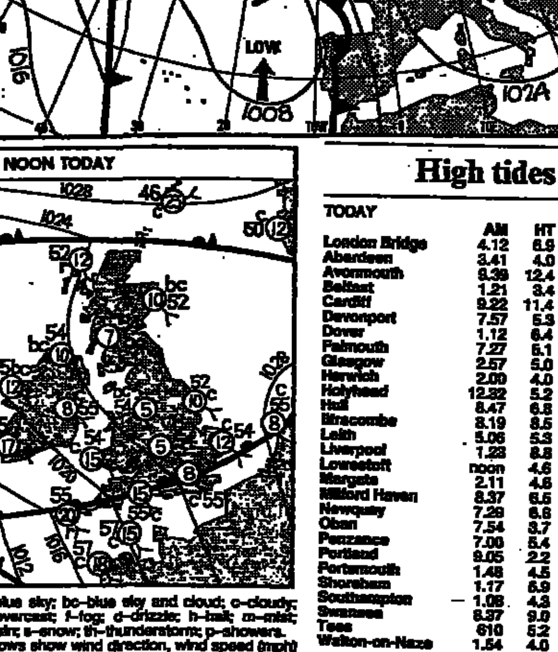
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,017.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Chivenor, 18c (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 10c (50F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.67in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay, 6.1hr.





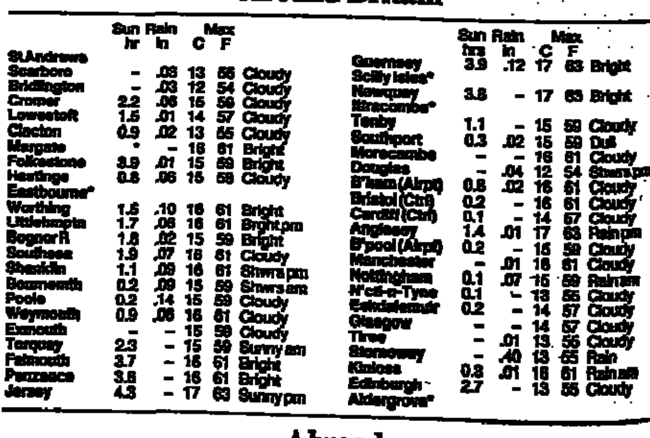
b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.12	6.9	4.31	6.9
Aberdeen	3.41	4.0	3.49	3.9
Avonmouth	9.39	12.4	9.53	11.8
Belfast	1.21	3.4	1.40	3.5
Cardiff	9.22	11.4	9.36	10.9
Devonport	7.57	5.3	8.14	5.0
Dover	1.12	6.4	1.26	6.3
Falmouth	7.27	5.1	7.44	4.8
Glasgow	2.57	5.0	3.26	5.1
Harwich	2.09	4.0	2.30	4.0
Holyhead	12.32	5.2	12.48	5.2
Hull	8.47	6.8	8.58	6.8
Ilfracombe	8.19	8.5	8.36	8.1
Leith	5.06	5.3	5.24	5.1
Liverpool	1.28	8.8	1.58	8.8
Lowestoft	noon	4.6	11.57	4.7
Margate	2.11	4.6	2.34	4.7
Milford Haven	8.37	6.5	8.57	6.2
Newquay	7.29	6.6	7.49	6.2
Oban	7.54	3.7	8.01	3.4
Penzance	7.00	5.4	7.18	5.1
Portland	9.05	2.2	9.27	1.9
Portsmouth	1.48	4.5	1.53	4.5
Shoreham	1.17	6.9	1.26	5.9
Southampton	1.08	4.3	1.20	4.2
Swansea	8.37	9.0	8.56	8.6
Tees	6.10	5.2	6.18	5.1
Walton-on-Naze	1.54	4.0	2.18	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews					
Scarboro	-	.08	13	55	Cloudy
Bridlington	-	.03	12	54	Cloudy
Cromer	2.2	.06	15	59	Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.5	.01	14	57	Cloudy
Clacton	0.9	.02	13	55	Cloudy
Margate	*	-	16	61	Bright
Folkestone	3.9	.01	15	59	Bright
Hastings	0.8	.06	15	59	Cloudy
Eastbourne*					
Worthing	1.5	.10	16	61	Bright
Littlehmptn	1.7	.06	16	61	Bright pm
Bognor R	1.8	.02	15	59	Bright
Southsea	1.9	.07	16	61	Cloudy
Shanklin	1.1	.09	16	61	Shwrs pm
Bournemth	0.2	.09	15	59	Shwrs am
Poole	0.2	.14	15	59	Cloudy
Weymouth	0.9	.06	16	61	Cloudy
Exmouth	-	-	15	59	Cloudy
Torquay	2.3	-	15	59	Sunny am
Falmouth	3.7	-	16	61	Bright
Penzance	3.6	-	16	61	Bright
Jersey	4.3	-	17	63	Sunny pm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	3.9	.12	17	63	Bright
Scilly Isles*					
Newquay	3.8	-	17	63	Bright
Ilfracombe*					
Tenby	1.1	-	15	59	Cloudy
Southport	0.3	.02	15	59	Dull
Morecambe	-	-	16	61	Cloudy
Douglas	-	.04	12	54	Shwrs pm
B'ham (Airpt)	0.8	.02	16	61	Cloudy
Bristol (Ctr)	0.2	-	16	61	Cloudy
Cardiff (Ctr)	0.1	-	14	57	Cloudy
Anglesey	1.4	.01	17	63	Rain pm
B'pool (Airpt)	0.2	-	15	59	Cloudy
Manchester	-	.01	16	61	Cloudy
Nottingham	0.1	.07	15	59	Rain am
N'cstl-u-Tyne	0.1	-	13	55	Cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.2	-	14	57	Cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	14	57	Cloudy
Tiree	-	.01	13	55	Cloudy
Stornoway	-	.40	13	55	Rain
Kinloss	0.8	.01	16	61	Rain am
Edinburgh	2.7	-	13	55	Cloudy
Aldergrove*					

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
Ajaccio	f	19	66
Akrotiri	s	22	72
Alexandria	f	24	75
Algiers	s	22	72
Amsterdam	s	13	55
Athens	f	16	61
Bahrain	s	28	82
Barbados*	f	29	84
Barcelona	f	20	68
Beirut	-	-	-
Belgrade	c	9	48
Berlin	s	11	52
Bermuda*	s	23	73
Biarritz	f	23	73
Boulogne	s	15	59
Bordeaux	s	21	70
Brussels	s	15	59
Budapest	fg	3	37
Buen Aires*	c	25	77
Cairo	f	23	73
Cape Tn	s	20	68
C'blanca	f	25	77
Chicago*	c	11	52
Cologne	s	13	55
Copenhgn	-	-	-
Corfu	s	21	70
Dallas*	c	16	61
Dublin	c	13	55
Dubrovnik	f	17	63
Faro	r	20	68
Florence	s	19	66
Frankfurt	c	6	43
Funchal	f	21	70
Geneva	c	8	46
Gibraltar	f	20	68
Helsinki	c	8	46
Hongkong	-	-	-
Innsbruck	s	14	57
Istanbul	c	13	55
Jiddah	-	-	-
Jo'burg	s	24	75
Karachi	-	-	-
Las Palmas	f	23	73
Lisbon	c	17	63
Locarno	s	13	55
L Angeles*	f	21	70
Luxembg	f	8	46
Madrid	c	16	61
Majorca	f	22	72
Malaga	c	20	68
Malta	th	16	61
Melbourne	c	14	57
Mexico C*	c	16	61
Miami*	f	26	79
Milan	s	14	57
Montreal*	f	7	45
Moscow	c	7	45
Munich	f	6	43
Nairobi	-	-	-
Naples	s	18	64
New Delhi	-	-	-
New York*	s	14	57
Nice	s	19	66
Oslo	c	9	48
Ottawa	-	-	-
Paris	s	19	66
Peking	c	9	48
Perth	s	20	68
Prague	fg	3	37
Reykjavik	s	-6	21
Rhodes	s	20	68
Riyadh	s	31	88
Rio de Jan*	s	20	68
Rome	s	15	59
Salzburg	s	15	59
Sao Paulo*	c	26	79
S Francisco*	s	14	57
Santiago*	f	27	77
Seoul	s	17	63
Singapore	r	28	82
Stockholm	s	10	50
Strasbourg	c	6	43
Sydney	c	26	79
Tangier	f	23	73
Tel Aviv	c	20	68
Tenerife	f	24	75
Tokyo	s	17	63
Toronto*	s	10	50
Tunis	r	19	66
Valencia	f	20	68
Vancouver*	c	9	48
Venice	s	17	63
Vienna	s	9	48
Warsaw	c	5	41
Washington*	c	10	50
Zurich	c	5	41

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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